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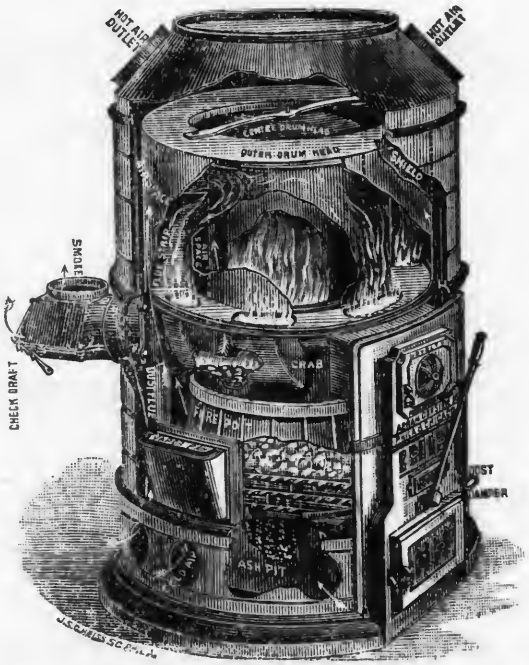
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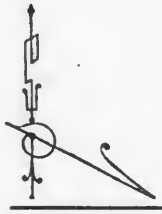
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OF THE

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1875	13	618	1	
1880	25	some 1,500	3	2
1884	100	some 6,000	6	3
1886	160	9,734	7	1 and 2 Conferences.
1887	190	11,800	8	1 and 2 Conferences.

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	NUMBERS.	SECRETARY.
Sept. 1880	YANKTON,	BISHOP WARREN,	1050	WM. MCCREADY.
Oct. 1881	SIOUX FALLS,	" HURST,	1366	" "
" 1882	PARKER.	" MERRILL,	1504	" "
" 1883	HURON,	" SIMPSON,	2782	D. RIFENBARK.
" 1884	MITCHELL,	" ANDREWS,	4469	" "
" 1885	BLUNT,	" FOSS,	5209	A. R. BOGGS.
" 1886	WATERTOWN,	" BOWMAN,	6565	" "
" 1887	ABERDEEN,	" FOWLER,	8225	" "

Journal of Session.

FIRST DAY.

The third session of the Dakota Annual Conference met at Aberdeen, Wednesday, October 19, at 9 A. M. Bishop Chas. H. Fowler presiding, who, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper. On call of the roll by the Secretary of last conference, 56 members and probationers responded to their names.

On motion, A. R. Boggs was elected secretary and upon his nomination, F. A. Burdick and D. Rifenbark were elected his assistants. J. P. Jenkins was elected statistical secretary and J. Rowe, G. R. Oake, T. Hambly and C. H. Smith, were made his assistants.

C. E. Hager was elected Treasurer, with A. F. Thompson and J. C. Shelland his assistants.

The following committees were nominated by the Presiding Elders and appointed by the conference:

Public Worship—Revs. A. D. Traveller and J. G. Palmer.

Education—S. F. Brown, C. B. Clark, A. R. Boggs, Wm. Brush, A. W. Adkinson, A. Jamieson, J. C. Shelland and L. Bradford.

Prohibition—W. H. Jordan, C. E. Hager, A. F. Thompson, W. H. Selleck.

Sabbath Observance—G. D. Cleworth, E. Craven, S. Washburn, J. P. Jenkins.

Church Extension—T. Simmons, H. M. Springer, E. W. Sage, F. A. Burdick.

W. F. M. S.—S. F. Brown, T. Donoughue, O. E. Murray, D. Rifenbark.

Book Accounts—A. F. Thompson.

Sabbath Schools—J. Mulholland, C. S. Leavill, L. Hutchins, J. E. Norvell.

Freedman's Aid—L. G. Furnier, W. H. Matson, J. Trewartha, G. R. Oake.

Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts—O. A. Phillips, H. T. Curl, M. E. Nickerson, L. W. Miller.

Publisher of Minutes—L. Hartsough.

Postoffices—W. Hyde, S. A. French, N. S. Bradley, T. Carson.

Tracts—T. Hambly, J. R. Gowdy, A. T. Thompson, H. Locke.

Church Literature—W. D. Deeble, J. G. Hall, C. B. Clark, F. M. Robertson.

Bible Cause—T. Hambly, W. Pagenhart, G. R. Oake, T. H. Garvin.

Resolutions—O. E. Murray, G. D. Cleworth, J. Rowe, F. A. Burdick.

Stewards—C. H. Bodkin, L. W. Miller, L. B. Wiles, J. P. Jenkins.

Memoirs—O. E. Murray, A. W. Adkinson, L. Bradford.

Conference Relations and Admissions—S. F. Brown, W. F. Minty, O. H. Sproul, A. Jamieson.

Missionary Appropriations—The Presiding Elders.

General Conference Expenses—T. Simmons, A. E. Burrows, L. B. Wiles, M. E. Nickerson.

State of the Church—H. M. Springer, C. B. Clark, L. Bradford, T. Simmons.

Episcopal Fund—The Presiding Elders.

The secretary was instructed to prepare a conference roll and publish the same in the minutes.

The courtesies of the conference were extended to Rev. I. N. Pardee, he having been lately transferred to the Northwest Iowa conference.

The bar for voting was fixed at the north line of the transept.

The time of meeting was fixed at 8:30 A. M., for prayer meeting, 9 A. M. to 12 M., for business sessions.

Question 20 was called, and the character of A. D. Traveller, Presiding Elder of the Aberdeen district, was passed and he reported his district.

The characters of the following elders were passed and they reported their collections, *viz.:* J. G. Palmer, S. F. Brown, C. H. Bodkin, A. R. Boggs, Thos. Simmons and O. A. Phillips.

The character of Wm. Fielder, the Presiding Elder of the Huron district passed and he reported his district. This being the completion of his full term he was presented by the brethren of his district with a beautiful gold watch. The presentation being made by H. M. Springer, to which Bro. Fielder made appropriate response.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their collections *viz.:* L. W. Miller, J. G. Hall, H. M. Springer, E. Craven, J. C. Shelland, A. W. Adkinson, W. F. Minty, W. H. Selleck, A. P. Jones.

The character of I. N. Pardee, the Presiding Elder of the Mitchell district, passed and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their collections, *viz.:* O. H. Sproul, A. F. Thompson, C. B. Clark, E. W. Sage, Wm. Pagenhart, O. E. Murray, T. H. Walker, H. T. Curl, D. W. Chanberlain, Wm. Brush, W. B. Affleck.

On motion, the printed minutes were made the official record of the conference.

The Bishop announced a dividend of $93 from the book concern, and $30 from chartered fund for conference claimants, and drafts were drawn for the same.

The apportionment for the Episcopal fund was referred to the Presiding Elders for distribution.

E. Craven was elected organist and O. E. Murray chorister for this session.

The Bishop announced the transfer of E. E. Clough from the West Wisconsin conference to this conference, and the transfer of the following brethren from this conference, *to-wit:*

P. L. Hooker to the Missouri Conference; I. N. Pardee to the Northwest Iowa Conference; Wm. Parfitt to the Northwest Iowa Conference; E. Hoskyn to the Southern California Conference; J. K. Shiffer to the Upper Iowa Conference.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

After prayer meeting, led by W. J. Hyde, the Conference was called to order and the minutes of last session read and approved.

Question 20 was called, and the character of L. Hartsough, the Presiding Elder of the Yankton district passed, and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their collections, *viz.:* G. R. Oake, L. Bradford, P. L. Hooker, H. Locke, J. K. Shiffer, A. Jamieson, F. A. Burdick and C. E. Hager.

G. R. Oake was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

T. S. Hunt and W. H. Hoadly were announced as having died during the year.

Question 18 was called, and the character of William Vivian was passed; he was continued as a traveling deacon of the first class, and was continued in the supernumerary relation. A collection for his benefit was taken up and $68.00 were given.

Question 14 was called, the characters of the following brethren were passed; they reported their collections, were reported on by the committee of examination and were represented by their Presiding Elders, and they were severally elected to elder's orders, *viz.:* Duane Rifenbark, M. E. Nickerson, L. B. Wiles, Timothy Donohue and James Rowe. Jas. Trewartha being already in elder's orders.

The character of John Q. Swimm was passed, but, not being before the committee of examination he was continued in the class of the fourth year.

Yankton was selected as the seat of the next conference.

Question 3 was called. The characters of the following brethren were passed. They were represented by their Presiding Elders and after the report of the committee on examination, were severally disposed of as follows:

Herman N. Smith was discontinued with instructions that if charges were preferred against him, they be forwarded to the Presiding Elder in Iowa, employing him.

C. H. Smith was continued on trial and he was advanced to the class of the second year, conditioned on passing examination in "Pope's Theology" at next conference.

N. E. Bradley, Thos. Carson, T. H. Garvin, Sam'l C. Leavell, Wm. D. Deeble, P. K. Hammond, Chas. B. Gilbert, Chas. M. Arthur and G. D. Cleworth, were advanced to second year's class.

J. R. Goudy not being before the committee, was continued in the first year's class.

Fred E. Leazer and Wm. J. Hyde are to pass examination in Ancient History at next conference.

John C. Maxham was announced as transferred to the Wisconsin Conference, and J. H. Ware to the Minnesota Conference.

The accounts of the Western Methodist Book concern were referred to A. F. Thompson.

The following relating to the case of J. H. Mooers, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The action of the last Conference in the case of J. H. Mooers was conditioned on the return of his parchments to his Presiding Elder, which condition has not been complied with; and,

WHEREAS, he is now desirous to continue his membership in our church; therefore,

Resolved, That he be now permitted to withdraw his request of withdrawal, and he be granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

Question 13 called, and the characters of Grove J. Corwin, Albert E. Burrows and J. E. Norvell, were passed and after the usual reports they were advanced to the second class of deacons. Bro. Burrows to be examined at next conference on "Miley on the Atonement."

On motion, the action of yesterday fixing the time of sessions was reconsidered and 11:45 A. M., fixed as time of adjournment.

On motion, the committees on examinations were requested to meet as a body, at 9 A. M., the day preceding the next annual Conference to prepare for the keeping of a permanent record of examinations.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the standing committees. The committees were advised to conduct examinations in writing.

Questions 10 and 16 were called, and there were no names to be presented.

On motion, the election of delegates to the General Conference was made the special order for tomorrow, immediately after the reception of the class of probationers into full connection.

W. H. Selleck presented the action of Watertown in regard to the Old Folks' day and the matter was referred to the committee on the state of the church.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is required of the candidates for admission that they be free from, and pledge themselves to abstain from the use of tobacco; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference advises all our members to abstain from the use of tobacco as injurious to both soul and body; therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop not to transfer to our Conference or to appoint as Presiding Elder, within our bounds, any man who is addicted to the use of tobacco in any form.

L. B. WILES.
D. RIFENBARK.
O. E. MURRAY.
C. E. HAGER.
F. A. BURDICK.
JAS. ROWE.
A. R. BOGGS.

The treasurer was directed to pay the money received this year for Conference claimants, to the board of stewards.

Rev. W. R. Irish, of West Wisconsin Conference, and Mr. D. P. Ward the secretary of the Dakota Sabbath school association were introduced.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Wm. M. Welch to this Conference from the DesMoines Conference.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, the Benediction being pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

After prayer meeting, led by H. Locke, the Bishop took the chair and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of the treasurer of Dakota University was presented and referred to the committee on education.

Question 6 was called, and the following were admitted on certificates of location, *viz.:*

Robert C. StClair, from the Missouri Conference, Sanford P. Brokaw, from Georgia Conference, William Underwood, from Central Illinois Conference.

The Secretary of the Church Extension society, Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., was introduced.

Question 2 was called, and the following were duly recommended by their respective quarterly Conferences, represented by their Presiding Elders, and the committee of examinations, were introduced to the Conference and were severally admitted on trial, *viz.:* Thos. A. Jones, Wm. W. Brown, John Mulholland, Alex D. Smith, Lewis F. Dimmitt, Richard C. Opie, William C. Sage, Smith Lent,

Frank Nichols and Edward Vaughn. Robert Irwin and William Irwin were admitted and credited with first year's studies and placed in second year's class.

The recommendation of Chas. W. Riches was withdrawn and the Presiding Elders authorized to employ him.

The order of the day was taken up and the following were called forward, addressed by the Bishop, the proper diciplinary questions were asked and answered, they reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elders and examining committee, and were severally disposed of as follows, *to-wit:*

Lucas G. Furnier, Silas A. French, Wm. H. Jordan, Thos. Hambly and Gilbert D. Cleworth were passed in their studies, admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders. Wm. Matson and John P. Jenkins being in orders were admitted in full connection. Wm. H. Matson was conditioned on Logic. Silas A. French was conditioned on Logic, History and Introduction. Lucas G. Furnier was conditioned on History.

David Gostelow, an elder in the Baptist church was admitted to full connection, his orders recognized and he was excused from the course of study.

Oscar A. Harple and Frank H. Wheeler not being before the committee on examination, were continued in the second class of deacons.

Moray Clyde was discontinued.

Rev. Arthur Edwards, D. D., editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of his paper.

I. N. Pardee offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hail with joy the presence of Dr. Edwards among us, we recognize his loyalty to the church, his co-operation in the cause of prohibition and every good work, we will pray for his continued health and success, we assure him of our undivided support, will ever welcome him to our midst, and will labor with renewed activity for the "Northwestern."

Dr. Brush was appointed to invite the Lay Electoral Conference to meet with this body at their convenience, tomorrow.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, the Benediction being pronounced by Dr. Edwards.

FOURTH DAY.

After prayer meeting, led by W. H. Selleck, the Bishop took the chair at 9 A. M.

A committee was appointed to procure the historical record at Elk Point, and all other historical documents possible, preparatory to the compiling of a history of this Conference. The Bishop appointed as such committee, L. Hartsough, L. Bradford and Duane Rifenbark.

Rev. J. C. W. Coxe, D. D., secretary of the Sabbath School Union of the Methodist Episcopal church, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., addressed the Conference in the interests of church extension.

The Bishop announced the transfer of S. Washburn from the Rock River Conference to this Conference. By vote, he was made effective.

I. N. Pardee announced the receipt of a cablegram in New York, conveying intelligence of the death of Wm. B. Affleck, at Leeds, England, and on motion of Bro. Pardee, a vote of condolence and sympathy with the family of the deceased was unanimously passed. The Bishop requested C. B. Clark to offer prayer and a committee consisting of I. N. Pardee and O. E. Murray were appointed to prepare a suitable memoir for the minutes.

Upon motion, the Conference proceeded to the election of a delegate to the next General Conference, and on the 4th ballot Wm. Brush, D. D., was elected as such delegate, and A. D. Traveller was elected reserve delegate.

T. H. Walker was appointed on the auditing committee, in place of H. T. Curl.

Rev. W. F. King, D. D., President of Cornell College and Rev. P. A. Reno, of Erie Conference, vice-president of Dakota University, Rev. Geo. W. Gray, D. D., representing the Freedman's Aid society, and S. Washburn were introduced. Dr. Gray addressed the Conference in the interest of the society he represented.

A collection and subscription were taken looking toward the creation of the Calvin Fairbanks college for freedmen.

The committee on the Freedman's Aid society made a report which was adopted. [See Report A.]

A report from the committee on the Womans' Foreign Missionary society was made and adopted. [See Report B.]

The committee on Sabbath observance made a report which was re-committed.

A report on Church Literature was made and adopted. [See Report D.]

The report of the committee on Education was made and adopted. [See Report E.]

The committee on Education were instructed to report names of a committee to confer with the North Dakota and Black Hills missions, with a view to the unification of our educational work.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned to 3 P. M. The Benediction being pronounced by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY—[SECOND SESSION.]

The Conference met at 3 P. M., Wm. Brush, D. D., presiding at the request of the Bishop. A. Jamieson conducted the devotional services.

The minutes of yesterday's session, and this morning's session, were read and approved.

The committee on Church Extension reported and the report was adopted. [See Report F.]

The committee on the State of the Church made a report which was adopted. [See Report G.]

Supplementary report of the committee on Education read and, on motion, it was adopted. [See Report H.]

The report of the committee on Prohibition was read, and amended, and adopted. [See Report I.]

The committee on Sabbath Schools made a report which was adopted. [See Report J.]

The report of the committee on Bible Cause was adopted. [See Report K.]

The report of the committee on Tracts was adopted. [See Report L.]

The Stewards' report, (Report M.) was adopted.

The auditing committee reported that they found the Presiding Elders' accounts correct, and the receipts bearing data of more than over a year ago, were ordered to be destroyed.

The secretary was instructed to forward circular letter with the blanks next

year to each pastor, conveying instructions about making reports to next Conference.

The Presiding Elders were instructed to impress upon all young men the necessity of taking all the collections.

A resolution on universal suffrage was read and adopted. [See Report N.]

The committee made last year to formulate a plan for a preacher's aid society made a report which was ordered printed in the minutes to be acted upon next year, and the committee was continued.

The delegate to the General Conference was instructed to bring the organization of such a society to the notice of that body, with a view to the organization of such a society for the church at large.

The Conference roll was ordered to be printed and that a special roll of deceased members of this Conference be also printed.

The editor of the minutes was ordered to edit the memoirs.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned to 9 P. M., the Benediction being pronounced by Dr. Spencer.

FOURTH DAY—[THIRD SESSION.]

After the educational meeting the Conference was called to order by the Bishop, at 9 P. M.

The minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

The following was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That we have listened with interest and profit to the masterly and eloquent address of Hon. W. A. Edgerton, and we hereby tender him our thanks for the same, and for his labors in behalf of the Dakota University.

The committee on Missions reported and report concurred in by the Bishop. See the Missionary appropriations.

The Bishop was, on motion, requested to leave Thomas H. Garvin without appointment, that he may attend school.

D. W. Chamberlain was granted a superannuated relation.

The relation of Wm. Vivian was changed from supernumerary to superannuate.

Resolutions of thanks were presented and adopted, as follows:

FIRST—That we are thankful for the carefully written reports of our Conference session in the Aberdeen papers, and for the free distribution of the Aberdeen Daily News and Daily Republican, to the ministers of the Conference.

SECOND—That the impartial, genial, yet firm presiding of this Conference by Bishop Chas. H. Fowler, D. D., L. L. D., has been an inspiration to us all, and we hope that our beloved Bishop may live long to bless the church with his wise counsels and that he may be returned to our Conference again.

THIRD—That we most heartily thank the hospitable citizens of Aberdeen for opening their hearts and homes to us during our stay in their city. The welcome and entertainment has been very cordial and we will pray God to bless our benefactors with all good gifts.

FOURTH—That in the transfer of Rev. I. N. Pardee from this to the Northwest Iowa Conference, we are sensible of our loss to their gain. We are grateful to God for the arduous and self-denying labors of our brother as Supt. of Dakota Mission and Presiding Elder of Mitchell district of this Conference, realizing that God has used our brother in developing our school and church interests, thereby pre-empting a good portion of "Dakota for Christ." That we re-affirm our action of last year in expressing appreciation of Bro. Pardee's work in connection with the Dakota University. We extend our cordial sympathy to our brother in his affliction and will be glad to welcome him back to our Conference at any time.

FIFTH—We express our thanks to all railroads extending courtesies. To the churches of Aberdeen, of various denominations, who have kindly opened their edifices for our use, to the Methodist Episcopal Church and officers, and especially to the pastor Rev. J. G. Palmer.

O. E. MURRAY.
JAS. ROWE.
G. D. CLEWORTH.

In behalf of the preachers of the Mitchell district, O. E. Murray presented I. N. Pardee with a beautiful gold headed cane in token of their esteem.

The pastor at Highmore was authorized to go abroad and solicit funds, and the following offered by A. D. Traveller was adopted:

Resolved, That we will welcome the pastor of Highmore to our charges and co-operate with him in all his plans for liquidating the debt at Highmore, providing that this does not mean public collections.

The statistical report presented and adopted. [See Statistics.]

The list of special appointments, and standing committees, was read and approved. [See List.]

The triers of appeals nominated by the Bishop were elected by the Conference. [See List.]

The Conference resolved, on motion of L. Hartsough, that after this year no advertisements be admitted to the minutes, except for educational institutions and church enterprises.

The Bishop announced the transfer of A. P. Jones from this to the Nebraska Conference, and of H. H. Dresser, of Wyoming Conference, to this Conference.

A collection was taken for Conference expenses.

The treasurer was instructed to pay the educational collection to the trustees of Dakota University for current expenses.

The minutes were read and approved.

Moved and carried that after the reading of the appointments this Conference stands adjourned.

C. H. FOWLER, *President.*

A. R. BOGGS, *Secretary.*

FIFTH DAY—[SABBATH SERVICES.]

At the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Fowler preached a thrillingly eloquent sermon, and then ordained the class of Deacons.

At 3 P. M., C. B. Clark preached, after which the Bishop, assisted by certain Elders, ordained the Deacons whom the Conference had ordered to Elder's Orders.

In the evening Dr. Gray spoke on the work of the Freedman's Aid society, after which nearly $200 were taken with which to buy the Chemical Apparatus for Dakota University.

Closing these services the Bishop with an appropriate and touching address read the appointments of some 120 or more preachers for the coming year.

Dr. Grey and Rev. G. D. Cleworth filled the Presbyterian pulpit, and W. F. Minty and O. E. Murray the pulpit of the Baptist church.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATIONS.

ABERDEEN, DAK., Oct. 22, 1887.

This certifies that I have this day ordained Deacons the following men, viz.: Lucas B. Furnier, Wm. H. Jordan, Thomas Hambly, and Gilbert D. Cleworth.

Also on the same day, assisted by the Elders, I ordained Elders the following Deacons, viz.: Duane Rifenbark, Myron E. Nickerson, Lewis B. Wiles, James Rowe and Timothy Donoughue.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are transferred, and from what Conference? E. E. Clough, from West Wisconsin; W. M. Welch, from Des Moines; S. Washburn, from Rock River, and H. H. Dresser, from Wyoming Conference.

2. Who are admitted on trial? J. Mulholland, D. Smith, L. F. Dimmitt, R. C. Opie, W. C. Sage, S. Lent, F. Nichols, E. Vaughn, R. Irwin, W. H. Irwin.

3. Who remain on trial? T. Carson, C. H. Smith, N. S. Bradley, T. H. Garvin, J. R. Gowady, C. S. Leavell, W. D. Deeble, P. K. Hammond, F. E. Leazer, C. B. Gilbert, C. M. Arthur.

4. Who are discontinued? H. N. Smith, M. Clyde.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? L. G. Furnier, S. A. French, W. H. Matson, T. Hambly, G. D. Cleworth, J. P. Jenkins and W. H. Jordan.

6. Who are re-admitted? R. C. StClair, S. P. Brokaw, W. Underwood.

7. Who are admitted on credentials from other churches? D. Gostelow, an Elder from the Baptist church.

8, What traveling preachers have been elected deacons? W. H. Jordan, S. A. French, W. H. Matson, T. Hambly, G. D. Cleworth.

9. What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? W. H. Jordan, S. A. French, W. H. Matson, T. Hambly, G. D. Cleworth.

10. What local preachers have been elected deacons? None.

11. What local preachers have been ordained deacons? None.

12. Who are the traveling deacons of the first class? J. P. Jenkins, W. A. Jordan, L. G. Furnier, S. A. French, W. H. Matson, T. Hambly, G. D. Cleworth.

13. Who are traveling deacons of the second class? J. E. Norvell, O. A. Harple, J. Q. Swimm, F. H. Wheeler.

14. What traveling deacons have been elected elders? D. Rifenbark, M. E. Nickerson, L. B. Wiles, T. Donoughue, J. Trewartha, J. Rowe.

15. What traveling deacons have been ordained elders? D. Rifenbark, M. E. Nickerson, L. B. Wiles, T. Donoughue, J. Trewartha, J. Rowe.

16. What local deacons have been elected elders? None.

17. What local deacons have been ordained elders? None.

18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. H. Mooers, G. R. Oake.

19 Who are the superannuated preachers? W. Vivian, D. W. Chamberlain.

20. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes.

21. Have any died? T. S. Hunt, W. H. Hoadley, W. B. Affleck.

22. Have any been transferred and to what Conference? I. N. Pardee and W. Parfit to N. W. Iowa. J. K. Shiffer to Upper Iowa. P. L. Hooker to Missouri. E. Hoskyns to Southern California. J. H. Ware to Minnesota. A. P. Jones to Nebraska.

23. Have any withdrawn? None.

24. Have any located at their own request? None.

25. Have any been located? None.

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

27. Have any been expelled? None.

28. Who are the triers of appeals? (See list.)

29. What is the statistical report for this Conference year? (See tables.)

30. What are the claims on the Conference funds? (See stewards' report.)

31. What has been raised on these claims and how has it been applied?

32. Where are the preachers stationed? (See appointments.)

33. Where shall the next Conference be held? Yankton.

APPOINTMENTS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—Wm. Fielder, P. E.

Aberdeen, W. H. Selleck.
Ashton, O. A. Phillips.
Athol, W. W. Brown.
Bangor, S. F. Brown.
Bath, B. K. Hammond.
Coral, supplied by J. F. Bieber.
Columbia and Ordway, W. H. Irwin.
Claremont, Detroit, A. F. Thompson.
Doland and Frankfort, supplied by T. S. Fowler.
Ellendale, G. D. Cleworth.
Faulkton, T. Simmons.
Frederick, supplied by W. H. Norton.
Gettysburg, supplied by C. B. Warren.
Groton, W. Hyde.
Ipswich, J. Mulholland.
LaGrace, to be supplied.
Leola, to be supplied.
Ludden, C. W. Riches.
Millard, supplied by J. S. Akers.
Northville and Mellette, L. F. Dimmitt.
Putney, A. R. Boggs.
Redfield, James Rowe.
Roanoke and DeVoe, supplied.
Roscoe, supplied by R. Sherin.
Walworth, to be supplied.
Westport, W. D. Deeble.
Warner, E. Vaughn.

HURON DISTRICT,—Lewis Bradford, P. E.

Alpena, W. H. Underwood.
Alpena circuit, to be supplied.
Altoona, L. W. Miller.
Blunt, A. E. Burrows.
Cavour, R. C. Opie.
DeSmet, E. Craven.
Hand County, J. R. Goudy.
Highmore, J. G. Palmer.
Huron, H. H. Dresser.
Hyde County, E. S. Chappell.
Iroquois, W. H. Matson.
Lake Byron, A. D. Smith.
Pierre, C. S. Leavell.
St. Lawrence, S. A. French.
Sully County, W. L. Lee.
Waterbury, D. P. Olin.
Wessington and Miller, supplied.
Wessington Springs, supplied by C. H. Vessey.
Wessington Springs circuit, supplied by J. H. Smith.
Wolsey, A. C. Bevers.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—C. B. Clark, P. E.

Alexandria, supplied by T. H. Youngman.
Armour, Wm. M. Welch.
Bridgewater, supplied by J. H. LaGrange.
Castalia and Bijou Hills, W. Pagenhart.
Cornell, supplied by O. Hutchins.
Chamberlain and Kimball, L. G. Furnier.
Delmont and Grand Prairie, H. T. Curl.
Diana and Carthage, G. J. Corwin.
Edgerton, James Trewartha.
Ethan and Parkston, J. Q. Swimm.
Fulton, E. W. Sage.
Howard and Roswell, J. G. Campbell.
Mitchell, A. W. Adkinson.
Mount Vernon, W. F. Minty.
Plankinton, S. Washburn.
Scotland, N. S. Bradley.
Spencer and Salem, L. B. Wiles.
Springfield, supplied by W. J. Wilson.
Tyndall, C. H. Smith.
White Lake, W. Underwood.
Woonsocket, O. E. Murray.

Wm. Brush, D. D., President, and P. A. Reno, Vice President, Dakota University.

I. N. Pardee transferred to Northwest Iowa Conference, A. R. Jones, to Nebraska, and J. K. Shiffer to Upper Iowa Conference.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—Lewis Hartsough, P. E.

Beresford, O. A. Harple.
Canton, A. Jamieson.
Centerville, supplied by C. J. Bliss.
Dell Rapids, J. P. Jenkins.
Elk Point, D. Rifenbark.
Elk Point circuit, supplied by S. Keister.
Egan, to be supplied.
Flandreau, supplied by A. D. Dexter.
Flandreau circuit, H. Locke.
Gayville, supplied by L. Huckins.
Hartford, supplied by C. D. Cone.
Hurley, T. Carson.
Lennox, M. E. Nickerson.
Lodi, J. E. Norville.
Montrose, supplied.
Palisade, supplied by T. Cuthbert.
Parker, supplied by J. H. Tackaberry.
Prospect, supplied by W. O. Redfield.
Richland, sup. by A. G. Bartholomew.
Sioux Falls, First, F. M. Robertson.
Sioux Falls, Grace, supplied.
Vermillion, J. C. Shelland.
Yankton, F. A. Burdick.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—A D TRAVELLER, P. E.

Andover and Langford, D. Gostelow.
Arlington, W. C. Sage.
Bradley, Robt. Irwin.
Bristol, F. Leazer.
Big Stone City, Chas. Arthur.
Britton, Thos. Hambly.
Brookings, J. G. Hall.
Clear Lake, L. Matson.
Clark, H. M. Springer.
Clark County, S. P. Brokaw.
Hamlin County, supplied.
Gary, F. H. Wheeler.
Henry, R. St. Clair.
Madison, C. E. Hager.
Milbank, W. H. Jordan.
Revillo, Smith Lent.
Twin Brooks, F. Nichols.
South Shore, to be supplied.
Watertown, E. E. Clough.
Newark, to be supplied.
Waubay, to be supplied.
Waverly, C. B. Gilbert.
Webster, O. H. Sproul.
White and Aurora, Chas. Bodkins.
Willow Lake, Timothy Donoughue.
Wilmot, A. P. Jones.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

Admission on Trial—A. R. Boggs, E. Craven, S. Washburn.
First Year—F. A. Burdick, J. G. Hall, O. A. Phillips.
Second Year—H. H. Dresser, A. D. Adkinson, A. Jamieson.
Third Year—H. M. Springer, A. F. Thompson, J. G. Palmer.
Fourth Year—E. W. Sage, D. Rifenbark, E. E. Clough.
Local Orders—S. Simmons, H. T. Curl, G. R. Oake.
Publisher of Minutes—L. Hartsough.
To Apportion Claims and Collections—Presiding Elders.
Conference Treasurer—C. E. Hager.
Conference Secretary of Woman's F. M. Society—Mrs. I. M. Hartsough.
Triers of Appeals—F. A. Burdick, S. Washburn, E. E. Clough, W. Brush, T. Simmons, A. Jamieson, O. A. Phillips.
To Preach Missionary Sermon—J. G. Palmer; alternate, J. C. Shelland.

Officers of Conference Societies.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President, L. Bradford.
Secretary, W. H. Matson.
Treasurer, L. W. Hazen.
Members, Presiding Elders.
Laymen, J. P. Ward, R. N. Kratz, R. L. Brown, Marvin Cooper, A. W. Page.

EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION.

Wm. Brush, C. B. Clark, I. N. Pardee, A. D. Traveller, Hon. A. J. Edgerton, Hon. D. W. Diggs, John Norton.

COMMITTEES OF CHURCH LOCATION.

Aberdeen District—Wm. Fielden, A. R. Boggs, O. A. Phillips, J. Rowe, A. F. Thompson.
Huron District—L. Bradford, L. W. Miller, W. H. Matson, Prof. W. H. H. Phillips, A. W. Page.
Mitchell District—C. B. Clark, W. Brush, R. N. Kratz, O. E. Murray, C. H. Smith.
Sioux Falls District—L. Hartsough, F. M. Robertson, A. Jamieson, J. A. Cooley, W. B. Wait.
Watertown District—A. D. Franklin, J. G. Hall, D. W. Diggs, E. E. Clough, C. E. Hager.

STATISTICS NO. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1887.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Prob.	Members	L. Pr'cher	Deaths	Child'n B	Adults B	Churches	Probable value	Parsgn's	Probable value	Build and imp. Ch and Par's	Paid on old debts	Debts Standing	Church Expenses	FOR MISSIONS. From Chr's	FOR MISSIONS. From S. S.	FOR MISSIONS. Total.	Church Extens'n	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedm'n Aid Soc'y	Childrens Day	Education	Bible Society	W For'g Mission	W Home Mission	General Confr'ce Collecti'n	Other Collect'n.
Aberdeen	6	95	..	1	...	1	1	$ 7500	1	$ 1000	$ 340	$ ...	$ 800	$ 372	$ 41	$ 20	$ 61	$ 5	$ 2	$ 2	$ 3	$ 14	$ ..	$ 9	$ ...	$ ..	.....	.....
Athol	10	86	..	1	...	1	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	....	5	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashton	13	59	4	2	...	5	1	2000	..	.....	69	19	170	50	20	....	20	8	2	2	4	3	4	1	1	1	.....	.....
Bath	6	37	..	..	2	1	1	2500	1	450	.....	.....	750	97	23	0	32	7	1	1	5	4	2	2	2	2	.....	.....
Britton	5	185	3	2	...	44	1	1800	..	.....	1800	.....	.....	50	20	....	20	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Big Stone City	3	22	..	..	...	3	2	4000	..	.....	.....	90	1800	30	.....	....	1	1	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Bangor & Bowdle	3	39	1	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	4	....	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Andover	31	60	3	4	5	3	3	4500	..	.....	2000	.....	600	.....	31	....	31	2	.....	.....	3	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Columbia & Ordway	3	36	1	..	1	3	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	9	5	14	5	.....	.....	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Detroit	1	14	..	..	2	...	1	800	..	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	7	4	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellendale	12	40	..	3	...	3	1	3000	..	.....	200	.....	500	100	23	2	25	5	1	1	2	1	5	1	1	...1	.....	.....
Faulkton	20	202	1	..	3	4	1	600	..	.....	650	50	50	150	71	1	72	10	4	3	11	13	9	1	3	.....	.....	.....
Frederick	7	30	1	..	...	3	1	2500	..	.....	.....	100	650	50	6	....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Groton	12	64	..	4	...	1	1	2500	..	.....	800	.....	1000	100	15	10	25	3	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ipswich & Roscoe	1	54	..	..	...	...	2	5200	..	.....	3000	.....	2200	75	10	...	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ludden	3	40	2	..	2	...	1	2000	..	.....	2000	.....	.....	45	25	....	25	4	1	1	1	2	.....	...	1	1	.....	.....
Millbank	15	67	..	..	8	10	1	9500	..	.....	300	200	300	300	38	22	60	12	2	1	4	20	2	12	.....	.....	.....	55
Northville & Mellette	3	81	..	1	...	...	1	2625	..	.....	1900	.....	725	35	20	....	20	4	1	1	1	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Twin Brooks	3	37	1	..	...	...	2	3000	..	.....	500	.....	1100	45	15	....	15	2	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waverly	1	24	..	..	4	1	1	2000	..	.....	.....	.....	500	10	15	....	15	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warner	2	32	1	1	1	...	1	1800	..	.....	125	200	550	.....	10	....	10	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Webster	52	76	1	..	...	27	1	4000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	20	....	20	.....	3	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmot	2	27	..	2	8	...	1	2800	1	.. 250	500	4	300	50	10	....	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Westport	6	46	3	..	1	3	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	23	5	28	4	1	1	....	3	1	....	1	.....	.....	.....
Totals	220	1453	22	21	37	113	25	$ 64625	3	$ 1700	$ 1184	$ 663	$12245	$1854	$ 461	$ 79	$540	$ 93	$ 22	$ 17	$ 46	$ 80	$ 29	$ 30	$ 20	$ 5	.....	$ 55

HURON DISTRICT.

Altoona	10	185	3	3	3	43	2	$ 4500	1	$ 700	$ 481	$ 420	$ 675	$ 90	$ 43	$ 7	$ 50	$ 9	$ 1	$ 1	$ 5	$ 5	$ 4	$ 3	$ 26	$	$ 14	.....
Arlington & Volga	20	55	3	..	8	9	1	1500	..	.....	41	.....	300	60	30	....	30	8	1	1	4	....	5	....	3	3	3	.....
Blunt	42	106	5	..	5	1	1	4000	..	.....	232	.....	1200	88	27	3	30	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Brookings	9	52	1	..	1	5	1	2500	1	800	1160	.....	770	85	15	20	35	5	1	1	5	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cavour	30	96	1	..	3	17	1	1800	..	.....	300	75	310	25	24	1	25	8	1	1	3	2	3	2	.....	.....	2	.....
Clark	15	61	1	..	5	7	1	2500	..	.....	300	150	150	104	54	5	59	19	2	2	6	6	6	3	.....	.....	7	.....
Clark Co.	...	24	..	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	....	15	2	1	1	1	....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Clear Lake, Castlewood	9	38	..	..	...	7	1	2500	..	.....	.....	.....	450	75	25	....	25	7	1	1	4	2	3	1	.....	.....	2	.....
DeSmet	19	50	1	3	5	3	1	2000	1	450	575	23	625	45	18	2	20	5	2	1	3	2	4	....	.....	.....	2	.....
Doland & Frankfort	6	54	..	..	2	...	1	3000	..	.....	.....	200	400	88	22	6	28	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	4	....	.....	.....
Gary & Canby	26	106	1	2	7	11	2	5000	1	500	135	250	1200	.....	35	....	35	8	2	2	4	....	4	2	.....	....	98	.....
Hand Co.	5	51	1	..	6	3	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	....	15	5	1	1	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Henry	16	72	1	..	4	3	1	2000	1	400	450	50	150	36	23	....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Highmore	21	50	2	2	3	5	1	3500	..	.....	.....	540	2100	20	15	....	15	.....	....	....	....	....	2	....	.....	....	.....	.....								
Huron	19	220	..	5	9	5	1	18000	1	1000	600	1200	2000	350	85	15	100	25	3	3	10	7	6	5	29	....	9	.....							
Iroquois	8	116	1	..	3	9	2	3500	..	.....	150	400	600	75	13	....	13	6	....	....	5	4	3	....	.....	....	3	.....							
Lake Byron	13	95	2	..	5	1	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	40	....	40	10	2	2	6	5	6	2	1	1	2	.....							
Pierre	7	78	..	1	6	1	1	2500	..	.....	.....	.....	800	50	22	5	27	4	1	1	3	3	....	....	36	....	.....	.....							
Potter Co	6	60	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	....	5	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....							
Redfield	20	51	1	1	4	4	1	2500	1	1500	1350	139	540	200	22	18	40	11	2	2	5	5	6	4	5	....	4	.....							
Spring Lake	8	46	..	1	3	...	1	400	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	....	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....							
St. Lawrence	4	90	..	1	8	3	1	3500	1	400	243	200	1100	100	25	....	25	4	1	1	1	3	4	....	....	....	2	.....							
Sully Co	38	79	1	1	1	5	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	3	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	2	.....	.....							
Watertown	45	202	2	..	5	19	..	4500	1	450	78	440	.....	202	78	22	100	16	3	3	10	7	5	4	30	....	10	.....							
Wessington & Miller	20	88	..	2	16	6	2	1300	..	.....	275	.....	285	65	18	....	18	4	1	1	1	....	1	1	.....	....	.....	.....							
White & Aurora	34	78	2	..	2	6	1	2200	..	.....	.....	140	700	66	25	....	25	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....							
Willow Lake	16	69	1	..	8	2	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	....	30	8	1	1	4	2	4	2	.....	....	2	.....							
Wolsey	4	75	1	1	4	2	1	2200	1	500	62	64	794	40	19	6	25	5	....	1	2	2	1	1	.....	....	1	.....							
Totals	470	2347	31	23	126	177	25	$ 75400	10	$ 6700	$ 6372	$ 4291	$15149	$1889	$ 749	$111	$860	$ 180	$ 29	$ 27	$ 89	$ 61	$ 74	$ 35	$ 135	$ 6	$ 165	.....							

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria	24	79	1	..	7	2	1	2000	1	300	.....	.....	412	75	8	....	8	2	1	....	1	....	....	1	.....	1	.....	....								
Alpena	33	75	..	..	6	7	1	3000	..	.....	300	260	1200	47	10	....	10	2	1	....	3	2	....	1	.....	....	.....	....								
Armour	9	80	1	..	...	...	1	1500	..	.....	.....	160	150	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....								
Bijou Hills	...	19	..	..	1	1	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	....								
Bridgewater	14	76	1	..	1	1	1	2500	..	.....	195	80	1157	40	25	....	25	7	2	1	4	4	4	2	2	1	.....	....								
Castalia	12	80	2	..	19	5	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	....	10	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Diana	...	65	2	..	...	...	2	6000	..	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Howard	16	98	1	1	10	6	3	6000	..	.....	1000	400	1000	109	8	2	10	4	1	1	2	....	1	1	.....	....	.....	.....								
Kimball	2	33	2	..	...	...	1	2500	..	.....	.....	550	450	100	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Mitchell	15	165	2	..	...	5	1	7000	..	.....	.....	.....	900	130	76	26	102	5	1	1	5	4	5	4	17	....	.....	50								
Mitchell Ct	...	12	..	..	...	1	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	....	10	3	1	1	1	....	2	....	.....	....	.....	...								
Mt. Vernon	4	92	..	3	...	...	1	3000	1	1000	.....	97	1120	65	8	....	8	2	1	1	1	....	2	1	6	....	.....	....								
Olivet	5	40	1	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Plankinton	21	62	1	..	...	1	1	3000	..	.....	75	365	1200	121	6	9	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Plankinton Ct	25	40	1	..	3	12	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	....	10	2	1	....	2	....	1	....	.....	....	.....	.....								
Rome	6	75	1	..	...	4	2	3000	..	.....	2500	.....	500	20	3	3	3	2	....	....	1	....	1	....	.....	....	.....	.....								
Scotland	2	45	..	..	6	...	1	2200	1	500	.....	100	300	30	.....	....	10	4	....	....	2	....	2	....	5	....	...	....								
Simpson	...	52	..	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	10	4	1	1	2	....	2	....	.....	....	.....	.....								
Springfield	32	79	1	1	5	42	3	4600	..	.....	100	100	1143	75	15	....	15	7	1	1	1	....	....	1	.....	....	.....	.....								
Tyndall	34	77	2	1	6	7	2	2500	1	630	554	.....	350	.....	15	5	20	4	1	1	2	3	2	1	.....	....	.....	.....								
Waterbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Wessington Springs	17	98	3	1	1	...	1	2000	..	.....	.....	50	150	15	10	6	16	3	1	1	2	4	....	1	10	....	.....	.....								
White Lake	...	64	1	..	2	8	1	3000	..	.....	12	.....	1300	40	15	....	15	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Woonsocket	60	85	1	..	11	26	1	2500	1	300	450	117	600	125	33	17	50	5	....	.....	3	....	15	3	8	....	.....	5								
Totals	331	1591	24	7	78	128	24	$ 56300	5	$ 2730	$ 5186	$ 2279	$ 12432	$ 972	$ 293	$ 68	$361	$ 63	$ 14	$ 10	$ 32	$ 17	$ 43	$ 16	$ 48	2	.....	55								

YANKTON DISTRICT.

Names of Charges.	Prob.	Members	L. Pr'chs	Deaths	Child'n B	Adults B	Churches	Probable Value	Parsgn's.	Probable Valve	Build and imp. Ch. and Par's	Paid on old debts	Debts Standing	Church Expenses	For Missions. From Chr's	For Missions. From S. S.	For Missions. Total.	Church Extens'n	S. S. Union	Tract Society.	Freedm'n Aid Soc'y	Children's Day	Educa-tion	Bible Society.	W For'g Mission	W Home Mission	General Confr'ce Collecti'n	Other Collecti'n
Beresford	13	77	..	1	3	5	..	$	1	$ 700	$ 14	$ 131	$ 111	$ 30	$ 10	$ ..	$ 10	$ 4	$ 2	$ 2	$ 3	$ ..	$ 4	$ 1	$ 2	$ 2	$ 4	$ ....
Canton	27	117	2	..	2	6	1	1500	1	800	.....	225	150	94	.....	44	44	10	1	2	4	....	7	1	29	....	6	.....
Centerville	8	57	1	2	...	4	2	2500	..	.....	.....	.....	750	.....	9	....	9	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	....	.....	.....
Dell Rapids	6	84	1	..	6	6	1	1500	1	1000	105	.....	400	146	27	6	33	3	1	1	5	....	7	1	25	2	.....	.....
Egan	4	25	..	..	1	2	1	1000	..	.....	.....	.....	150	25	5	....	15	2	....	....	1	....	1	....	2	....	1	.....
Elk Point	6	59	1	..	2	2	1	500	1	650	80	.....	.....	90	26	4	30	6	1	2	6	4	5	2	32	....	.....	.....
Flandreau	6	34	..	1	2	8	1	1300	..	.....	.....	.....	75	39	5	8	13	4	1	....	....	....	2	3	12	....	... .	.....
Flandreau Circuit	4	16	1	..	7	1	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	2	3	5	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	.....	.....
Gayville	6	51	..	..	...	3	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	....	10	5	1	1	3	....	2	....	.....	....	.....	.....
Hartford	23	70	2	1	9	4	1	1200	1	650	1200	26	310	20	7	....	7	2	1	1	2	....	4	....	.....	....	.....	.....
Hurley	5	56	..	..	...	5	1	800	..	.....	100	.....	200	....	5	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....
Lennox	6	35	..	1	4	5	1	1300	1	400	400	60	.....	45	20	....	20	5	2	1	3	8	2	1	11	2	2	.....
Lodi	13	96	1	..	6	4	2	1700	1	300	.....	.....	250	35	16	6	22	.....	1	1	1	3	....	1	1	1	3	.....
Madison	1	27	..	..	1	...	1	3000	1	300	30	.....	1100	50	11	....	11	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....
Montrose	22	82	..	..	3	8	1	2000	..	... ...	.....	35	500	40	8	2	10	2	1	2	1	6	2	1	.....	....	2	.....
Palisade	1	5	1	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	6	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Parker	29	93	..	..	1	5	1	1500	..	..... .	45	120	80	82	32	6	38	5	1	1	4	7	....	....	26	....	3	.....
Prospect	6	50	2	1	4	5	1	1400	..	.....	250	.....	400	....	5	3	8	5	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	.....	.....
Richland	15	33	..	..	...	...	1	1600	1	200	.....	.....	350	....	7	....	7	3	....	....	1	....	2	....	.....	....	.....	.....
Sioux Falls	30	125	1	1	...	1	1	6000	1	3500	1119	240	660	242	125	25	150	45	10	6	40	....	24	13	50	....	7	.....
Vermillion	1	105	..	2	2	3	1	1800	1	300	25	.....	.....	40	22	18	40	4	1	1	3	....	1	2	6	....	.....	.....
Yankton	39	133	..	2	3	8	1	7000	..	.....	265	552	.....	230	27	15	42	20	1	1	7	....	5	3	31	....	.....	$ 100
Totals	291	1430	13	12	56	85	20	$37 600	11	$ 8800	$ 3633	$ 1389	$ 5486	$1208	$ 385	$140	$525	$ 129	$ 25	$ 22	$ 86	$ 28	$ 69	$ 29	$ 229	$ 7	$ 28	$ 100

Fractions of Dollars Aggregated. Aberdeen Dist. $20.75; Huron Dist. $5.65; Mitchell Dist. $6.16; Yankton Dist. $10.70.

Grand totals,...1,312; 6,821; 90; 63; 297; 493; 94; $253,925; 29; $19,930; —— —— —— —— $1,888; $398; $2,286; $455; $90; $76; $253; $186; $215; $110; $432; $20; $193; $210.

Gain over last year. 322; 1,306; 10;— 36; 104; 12; $52,525; 6; $3,280; —— —— —— —— $244; $166; $410; $—25; $5; $3; $7; $37; $59; $11; $188; $9.

Gain in 5 years. 1,173; 5390; 68; —— —— —— 74; $219,625; 10; $12,730; —— —— —— —— $1,787; $358; $2,145; $445; $80; $68; $223; $150: $215; $87: $364; $20.

Note.—A change of boundaries made at last Conference in Yankton District, accounts for the lesser relative increase.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887-8.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.—$2,815.

Athol	$ 50	Ipswich	$ 150
Ashton	100	Leola	45
Bath	100	Ludden	50
Bangor	300	Millard	100
Campbell County	20	Northville and Mellette	50
Coral	50	Putney	60
Detroit and Clearmont	100	Roscoe	150
Doland and Frankfort	100	Westport	100
Ellendale	50	Potter County	50
Faulkton	200	Roanoke and DeVoe	60
Gettysburg	150	Warner	80
Groton	200	District	500

HURON DISTRICT.—$3,440.

Alpena	$ 100	Pierre	$ 300
Alpena Circuit	100	St. Lawrence	120
Altoona	60	Sully County	300
Blunt	200	Waterbury	120
Cavour	100	Wessington and Miller	200
De Smet	200	Wessington Springs	120
Hand County	100	Wessington Springs Circuit	120
Highmore	400	Wolsey	140
Iroquois	100	Hyde County	60
Lake Byron	100	District	400

MITCHELL DISTRICT.—$2,550.

Armour	$ 160	Howard and Roswell	100
Castalia and Bijou Hills	60	Mt. Vernon	135
Cornell	100	Plankinton	160
Chamberlain and Kimball	225	Scotland	60
Delmont and Grand Prairie	160	Spencer and Salem	150
Diana and Carthage	120	Springfield	140
Bridgewater	70	Tyndall	140
Edgerton	120	White Lake	100
Elkan and Parkston	100	District	400
Fulton	$ 50		

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.—$2,970.

Beresford	$ 100	Lennox	$ 120
Canton	200	Lodi	100
Centreville	140	Montrose	100
Dell Rapids	80	Palisade	80
Elk Point	140	Parker	100
Elk Point Circuit	100	Prospect	60
Egan	100	Richland	160
Flandreau	160	Sioux Falls, Grace Church	150
Gayville	100	Vermillion	200
Hartford	140	Yankton	100
Hurley	140	District	400

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.—$3,325.

Andover and Langford	$ 100	Twin Brooks	$ 150
Arlington	50	Waubay	100
Bradley	150	Waverly	150
Bristol	150	Webster	150
Big Stone City	200	White and Aurora	140
Britton	100	Willow Lake	100
Brookings	200	Wilmot	100
Clear Lake	50	Madison	200
Clark	100	Revillo	150
Clark County	100	Southshore	75
Gary	80	Newark	100
Hamlin County	80	District	500
Henry	50		

Statistics No. II, Aberdeen District, Dakota Conference, 1887.

Ministerial Support.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastors. Claims H. R.	Pastors. Receipts in H. R.	Pastors. Deficiencies.	P. E. Apportioned.	P. E. Paid.	Bishops Paid.	Cf. Cl. Paid.
Aberdeen	J. G. Palmer	$ 950	$ 950	$	$ 60	$ 60	$ 4	$ 6
Andover	F. E. Leazer	450	400	50	40	40	5	2
Ashton	E. Vaughn	276	176	100	50	50	3	4
Athol	W. Rowbotham	378	375	3	25	22	1	1
Bath	P. K. Hammond	500	500	.....	40	40	2	3
Big Stone City	C. Arthur	550	248	302	40	40	2	...
Britton	C. H. Bodkin	500	658	.....	32	32	2	1
Bangor & Bowdle	S. F. Brown	.....	32	.....	.....	2	2	2
Columbia	A. R. Boggs	700	508	192	40	33	2	...
Detroit	B. H. Hedger	200	34	166	32	32	2	2
Ellendale	G. D. Cleworth	700	650	50	40	40	2	3
Faulkton	T. Simmons	600	463	137	32	32	5	8
Frederick	L. G. Furnier	630	320	310	40	25	1	...
Groton	W. J. Hyde	.....	600	.....	40	40	1	3
Ipswich & Roscoe	J. Mulholland	600	398	202	40	40	2	1
Ludden	C. B. Gilbert	600	498	102	40	40	2	2
Milbank	W. H. Jordon	1100	1100	.....	60	60	4	7
Northville & Mellette	W. M. Wade	500	475	25	40	38	2	2
Twin Brooks	F. T. Nichols	500	415	85	25	25	1	1
Waverly	W. D. Deeble	400	325	75	25	25	2	3
Warner	W. W. Brown	....	175	.....	25	17	1	2
Webster	T. Hambly	500	500	.....	32	32	2	...
Wilmot	D. Gostelow	400	300	100	40	40	2	1
Westport	O. A. Phillips	420	540	.....	32	32	2	3
Totals		$11454	$10640	$899	$ 870	$ 837	$54	$57
Huron District.								
Altoona	L. W. Miller	$ *800	$ 800	$ ...	$ 52	$ 52	$ 2	$ 3
Arlington & Volga	R. St. Clair	600	485	115	44	41	3	3
Blunt	A. E. Burrows	550	475	75	40	40	2	2
Brookings	J. G. Hall	*660	660	.....	50	50	3	3
Cavour	R. C. Opie	550	472	78	36	34	2	2
Clark	H. M. Springer	725	725	.....	50	50	4	4
Clark County	S. P. Brokaw	400	300	100	24	19	1	1
Clear Lake & Castlewood	E. Craven	600	550	50	40	37	2	..2
De Smet	F. H. Wheeler	600	525	75	44	44	2	...
Doland & Frankfort	T. S. Fowler	500	500	.....	40	40	2	.

Statistics No. III, Aberdeen Dist., Dakota Conference, 1887.

Sabbath Schools.

No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Sch. 15 years and over.	Sch. under 15 Ex. Infant Cl.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Avr'g. Atten. Tch's & Sch's.	No. Library Books.	Expense of S. this year.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Classmates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Offi's & Tch's as Ch. Mem's.	Sch. as Ch's Mem. or Prob.	Conv's in S. S. this year.
1	13	95	36	38	21	77	....	$ 50	30	50	12	13	20	....
4	17	125	65	60	30	....	30	....	60	60	25	15	90	....
1	10	60	25	20	15	55	60	30	20	20	10	8	15	6
2	8	56	20	36	....	45	....	8	12	....	....		10	6
2	16	125	56	42	27	80	....	45	30	30	11	7	30	6
2	10	60	35	10	5	20	....	5	....	....	1	7	3	2
8	30	240	120	40	80	20	....	60	80	80	25	15	100	....
3	20	60	30	20	10	60	....	30	....	....	....	15	15	....
1	6	50	15	16	19	40	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	....
1	8	42	....	....	....	30	85	14	20	....	1	8	8	....
1	10	50	20	15	15	60	....	39	25	25	8	8	12	6
8	58	283	135	102	43	45	50	263	50	30	21	58	126	10
1	7	60	....	....	22	40	91	25	30	30	5	6	35	....
2	16	110	60	40	10	80	64	25	160	160	46	12	18	12
1	7	35	25	10	5	25	....	15	....	....	12	5	15	....
8	45	200	75	80	45	30	....	100	40	40	9	20	25	....
1	14	130	68	22	40	70	100	36	50	50	12	11	25	20
2	13	80	50	20	10	50	....	18	....	....	....	12	1	....
3	24	155	78	57	20	116	110	27	....	....	....	22	13	1
2	12	70	35	20	15	50	30	10	....	....	....	9	12	....
3	13	60	30	30	....	62	....	15	....	....	....	13	15	2
2	19	90	40	30	20	60	300	50	30	20	10	19	40	12
2	8	50	30	20	....	40	100	15	24	15	....	8	20	4
2	10	65	40	25	....	57	60	15	....	....	6	9	....	....
63	394	2351	1088	763	457	1212	1080	$895	661	590	214	309	648	87
Huron District.														
4	39	232	125	84	33	127	130	$ 70	82	82	27	36	100	70
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
2	22	145	85	35	25	80	49	57	30	30	15	17	30	34
1	12	80	63	9	8	57	....	80	25	25	10	12	20	11
3	22	80	35	27	18	70	....	20	35	35	15	22	50	....
2	18	103	....	....	....	90	100	35	25	25	8	10	40	2
4	15	125	....	....	....	60	50	20	60	60	18	12	....	....
3	20	120	35	45	40	95	80	65	20	....	....	10	29	11
1	9	50	24	18	8	45	....	18	25	25	6	9	20	5
1	12	85	45	18	22	60	300	18	20	20	10	9	....	....

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Statistics No. II, Yankton District, Dakota Conference, 1887.

Ministerial Support.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastors. Claims H. R.	Pastors. Receipts in H. R.	Pastors. Deficiencies	P. E. Apportioned	P. E. Paid	Bishops Paid	Cf. Cl. Paid.
Beresford	J. E. Norville	*$ 535	$ 440	$ 95	$ 40	$ 40	$ 2	$ 2
Canton	G. R. Oake	*781	781	.....	60	60	3	2
Centerville	C. J. Bliss	305	305	.....	40	40	...	...
Dell Rapids	L. Bradford	*650	650	.....	40	40	2	2
Egan	T. Carson	350	339	11	28	27	1	1
Elk Point	D. Rifenbark	*510	510	.....	52	52	2	3
Elk Point Circuit	G. B. West	.....	75	.....	.....	7	...	...
Flandreau	P. L. Hooker	350	250	100	44	38	2	...
Flandreau Circuit	H. Locke	.....	100	.....	16	18	1	1
Gayville	W. O. Redfield	225	218	7	32	32	1	1
Hartford	Wm. Parfitt	*700	625	75	44	44	1	2
Hurley	I. A. Sparks	166	166	.....	28	28	...	...
Lennox	M. E. Nickerson	*430	411	19	44	44	2	2
Lodi	B. H. Trippe	*600	479	121	44	44	2	2
Madison	C. D. Cone	*370	370	.....	32	32	2	1
Montrose	O. A. Harpel	500	273	227	44	35	2	2
Palisade	L. Huckins	.....	100	.....	.....	6	...	...
Parker	J. P. Jenkins	536	496	40	48	48	3	2
Prospect	S. D. Waldron	400	337	63	40	40	...	...
Richland	A. G. Bartholomew	*525	575	.....	40	31	...	2
Sioux Falls	F. M. Robertson	*1000	1000	.....	80	80	8	18
Vermillion	A. Jamieson	*700	625	75	52	52	3	3
Yankton	C. E. Hager	840	840	.....	80	80	3	3
Totals		$10473	$ 9965	$ 833	$ 928	$ 918	$40	$49

Statistics No. III, Yankton Dist., Dakota Conference, 1887.

Sabbath Schools.

No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars of all Ages	Sch. 15 years and over	Sch. under 15 Ex. Infant Cl.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Avr'g Atten. Tch's & Sch's	No. Library Books.	Expense of S. this year.	S. S. Advocates taken	S. S. Classmates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Offi's & Tch's as Ch. Mem's.	Sch. as Ch's Mem. or Prob.	Conv's in S. S. this year.
1	8	34	21	7	6	15	....	$ 15	....	....	....	6	15	2
1	10	62	30	20	12	61	111	103	....	....	9	9	....	....
3	17	95	22	22	30	75	175	20	20	20	12	16	....	....
1	12	75	24	20	31	61	100	33	20	....	11	12	9	10
1	8	30	9	12	9	30	....	18	20	20	6	5	....	....
1	6	60	26	9	25	55	....	26	42	....	....	6	20	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	12	12	....	....	....	....
1	9	32	8	24	9	50	175	23	20	20	20	6	9	6
1	8	40	25	10	5	37	....	14	15	10	4	4	3	1
2	16	70	40	22	8	45	....	24	....	....	....	12	18	....
5	26	250	120	70	60	....	120	70	70	700	....	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1	11	80	40	26	14	70	....	30	25	25	1	10	18	3
4	20	130	79	30	21	120	60	52	15	15	....	16	....	....
1	6	37	20	7	10	35	....	12	20	20	55	5	11	....
3	15	150	105	20	25	82	126	22	....	....	1	10	94	30
1	5	16	10	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....
3	18	167	86	35	46	91	....	30	51	45	14	15	55	7
1	13	65	20	30	15	70	150	10	....	....	....	12	25	....
2	12	70	25	30	15	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1	18	150	85	40	25	97	....	55	40	40	13	17	40	3
2	17	127	....	....	121	65	....	70	50	50	12	15	....	....
1	21	165	....	....	....	94	380	86	75	....	6	21	87	36
37	276	1905	795	440	487	1153	1437	$739	495	977	164	200	404	98

Fractions of Dollars Aggregated. Aberdeen Dist. $4.64; Huron Dist. $.50; Yankton Dist. $3.07.

Grand totals,....$49,809; $46,046; $6,448; $4,024; $3,817; $179; $224; 195; 1,486; 9,508, 4,092; 2,413, 1,842; 5,511.

Gain over last year. $6,289; $5,134; $1,810; $666; $500; $19; $63; 38; 219; 1949; 1,299; 338; 388; 855.

Gain in 5 years. $40,645; $37,532; $5,153; $3,403; $3,208; $152; $210; 165; 1,302; 8,434; 3,690; 2053; 1,654; 5,035.

*Parsonage.

PASTORS' RECORD.

NOTE.—Those who came into the Conference at the time of organization, in 1885, are termed "Charter" members.

NAME.	BORN.		Admitted into Full Connection.		Came to Dakota Conf.	POSTOFFICE.
	Where.	When	Church or Conference.	When.		
Adkinson, A. W.,	Indiana	1851	S. E. Indiana	1877	Charter	Mitchell.
Boggs, A. R.,	Ohio	1835	Michigan	1870	"	Putney.
Botkin, C. H.,	Illinois	1854	Central Illinois	1881	1886	White.
Bradford, Lewis,	New York.	1842	Mississippi	1875	Charter	Huron.
Brown, S. F.,	Penn.	1825	Wyoming	1866	"	Bangor.
Brokaw, S. P.,	Indiana	1851	Georgia	1880	1887	Clark.
Brush, Wm., D. D.,	Connecticut	1827	New York	1853	1886	Mitchell.
Burdick, F. A.,	Ont., Can.,	1852	N. W. Iowa	1879	Charter	Yankton.
Burrows, A. E.,	Ont., Can.,	1861	Dakota	1886	1886	Blunt.
Clark, C. B.,	New York.	1839	Iowa	1864	1885	Mitchell.
Cleworth, G. D.,	Canada	1865	Dakota	1887	1887	Ellendale.
Corwin, F. J.,	New York.	1842	"	1886	1886	Diana.
Clough, E. E.,			W. Wisconsin.		1887	Watertown.
Craven, E,	Wales	1849	Detroit	1876	Charter	De Smet.
Curl, H. T.,			Des Moines		"	Delmont.
Donoughue, T.,	Ont., Can.,	1860	Bay of Quinte	1884	1886	Willow Lake.
Fielder, Wm.,	England	1852	N. W. Iowa	1880	Charter	Aberdeen.
French, S. A.,	Vermont	1849	Dakota	1887	1887	St. Lawrence.
Furnier, L. G.,	Canada	1858	"	1887	1887	Chamberlain.
Gostelow, David,	England	1832	Wesleyan Meth	1854	1887	Andover.
Hager, C. E.,	New York.	1852	Upper Iowa	1878	Charter	Madison.
Hall, J. G.,	Penn.	1852	Ohio	1879	1886	Brookings.
Hambly, Thomas,	Ont., Can.,	1856	Dakota	1887	1887	Britton.
Hartsough, Lewis,	New York.	1828	Oneida	1853	Charter	Sioux Falls.
Jamieson, A.,	Ont., Can.,	1837	N. W. Iowa	1875	"	Canton.
Jenkins, J. P.,	Mass	1860	Dakota	1887	1887	Dell Rapids.
Jordan, Wm. H.,	Mass.	1857	"	1887	1887	Milbank.
Locke, Hosea,	Canada	1832	Niagara	1860	1886	Flandreau.
Matson, W. H.,	Ohio	1846	Dakota	1887	1887	Clear Lake.
Miller, L. W.,	Ohio	1854	N. W. Iowa	1882	Charter	Altoona.
Minty, W. F.	England	1844	Rock River	1877	"	Mount Vernon.
Mooers, J. H.,			Maine		"	Flandreau.
Murray, O. E.	England	1856	Prot. Meth	1877	1886	Woonsocket.
Nickerson, M. E.,	Illinois	1856	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Lennox.
Norvell, J. E.	Iowa	1859	" "	1885	"	Lodi.
Oake, Geo. R.,	England	1846	" "	1880	"	Vermillion.
Pagenhart, Wm.,	Germany	1840	N. W. Ger	1859	"	Castalia.
Palmer, John G.,	Iowa	1854	Upper Iowa	1878	"	Highmore.
Phillips, O. A.,	Vermont	1837	U. B.		"	Ashton.
Rifenbark, Duane,	New York.	1849	N. W. Iowa	1885	"	Elk Point.
Robertson, F. M.,			Upper Iowa		1886	Sioux Falls.
Rowe, James,	England	1860	Minnesota	1885	Charter	Redfield.
Sage, E. W.,	Ont., Can.,	1843	Des Moines	1873	"	Fulton.
Selleck, Wm. H.,	New York.	1859	Dakota	1885	"	Aberdeen.
Simmons, Thos.,	Ohio	1849	Upper Iowa	1875	"	Faulkton.
Shelland, J. C.,	New York.	1846	Wyoming	1874	"	Vermillion.
Springer, H. M.,	Illinois	1842	W. Wisconsin.	1864	"	Clark.
Sproul, O. H.,	Canada	1846	Upper Iowa	1874	"	Webster.
Swimm, J. Q.,					"	Ethan.
St. Clare, R. C.,	Illinois	1841	Illinois	1872	1887	Henry.
Thompson, A. F.,	Ireland	1848	W. Wisconsin.	1875	Charter	Clearmont.
Traveller, A. D.,	Ont., Can.,	1839	Bay of Quinte	1862	"	Watertown.
Trewartha, James,	England	1845	N. W. Iowa	1885	"	Edgerton.
Underwood, Wm.,	Ohio	1832	Rock River	1855	1887	White Lake.
Vivian, Wm.,			N. W. Iowa		Charter	San Francisco.
Walker, T. H.,	Ont., Can.,	1836	Can. Wesleyan	1864	"	Mitchell.
Washburn, S.,	New York.	1830	Rock River	1863	1887	Plankinton.
Wiles, Lewis B.,	Ohio	1858	N. W. Iowa	1884	Charter	Salem.

ROLL OF OUR HONORED DEAD.

"They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	Time of Death.	Age.	Yrs. in Min.	Conference Relation.
John M. Rust	Vermillion, Dakota	1871	41	15	Effective.
Thos. M. Williams	Bridgewater, Dakota	1882	50	24	"
Wm. H. Hoadley	Huron, Dakota	1886	46	16	Supernumerary.
T. S. Hunt	Aurora, Indiana	1887	41	16	Effective.
Wm. B. Affleck	Leeds, England	1887	57	.	"

Memoirs.

REV. T. S. HUNT.

Bro. Hunt passed through the silent valley July 22nd, 1887, at the home of his mother, Aurora, Ind., in the thirty-second year of his age. His father, Rev. L. B. Hunt, was an untiring and zealous local preacher of our church. He was converted under the labors of Rev. J. S. Barnes, joining the church at thirteen and was ever glad to name Rev. J. S. Barnes as his spiritual father. His education at Mores Hill College had special reference to the Methodist ministry. He had rare gifts, sweet graces and early fruits. It was his meat and drink to do his master's will, at the command of his church.

In 1869 Brother Hunt married Miss Ellen F. Spoor who is remembered as an earnest and devoted christian. He was admitted to the South East Indiana Conference in September 1871. He served very acceptably Sugar Branch, New Pennington, Moorefield and Manchester charges. In 1876 he was transferred to South Kansas Conference. His appointments were El Dorado, Arkansas City, Neodesha, Oswego, Independence and Chanute. This heavy work completely broke his physical strength; when, Dakota welcomed him to her broad plains and gave him back a measure of health. Stationed at Woonsocket, by his kind, christian teaching and holy living, he won a warm place in the hearts of all the citizens. The church was edified in the true sense during his pastorate. One year ago he was appointed to the Black Hills mission. Here, hard work, the vigorous climate and a sad accident hastened his death. While attending a district conference at Crook City he was thrown from a buggy backwards, striking upon his head, and tearing the clavicle from the shoulder. This irritated his cough, but as soon as he again could, he began to preach, conducting revival services, that brought forty accessions to the church. In these meetings he was again prostrated, but resumed work as soon as he could, though urged to desist, or only to preach once on a Sabbath, and very briefly at that. He never knew what Wesley calls "calm, deliberate enthusiasm." At the close of his third quarter he knew that he was soon to be born into the undying life. He was released from his charge but could not bear the thought of dying in that wild region, so far from friends and loved ones. He prayed that he might have strength to view again his boyhood home and the face of his mother. The prayer was answered. On the 17th of July he reached the old home only to die five days later. While his noble soul was being gently wafted to immortal life, and the body seemed inanimate, he gasped "Lord I am now ready." As he entered the Unseen Holy his friends distinctly heard the whisper: "There is no river here, only Jesus." So the lamp of his life burned out and all too soon. But the light was very bright. He really wore himself out for Christ and his church. His life was well lived. Such lives are the salt of the earth preserving its wholesomeness. He had but just passed the noontide on the dial of his earthly existence. But he was weary and laid down to rest in the bosom of God. He came forth as a flower and was cut down ere the blossom seemed to yield its richest fragrance. But who dare do other than "assent to eternal providence and justify the ways of God to man." Will any one say that such lives are lived in vain, or that their mission is

not fulfilled? "What I do ye know not, but ye shall know hereafter." Blessed words! How inspiring! Balm to bind the wounds and heal the broken heart. By and by we shall have the answer to the questions that perplex us now. Then will it appear that these costly alabaster boxes of ointment are never broken in vain on the head of our Christ.

"And we may shortly know that lengthened breath
Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friends;
But that sometimes the sable pall of death
Conceals the fairest boon his love can send."

Our brother will not soon be forgotten. Monuments to his memory rise thick along the path he trod, in churches and parsonages built, and revivals enjoyed. Our Methodism is richer in consequence of his devoted and spiritual life. This is the real wealth of a church, rather than in magnificent temples, colleges or universities, though they may be perfect poems in stone or marble.

Loyalty was written in every fiber of our deceased brother's nature. He learned this lesson in the army. He fought with distinction in the Seventh Indiana Cavalry until wounded and discharged. All that made him a true soldier he then laid upon the altar for Christ, in full measure of devotion. His heart was ever warm towards his soldier brothers, but his tenderest love and closest friendship was for those who rally around the cross of Christ. The G. A. R. of which he is a member buried him at Aurora, Indiana. We cannot help him now. Our voices are too weak and our arms are too short to reach him. But we can put Goethe's motto into practice and "Gedenke zu leben."

During our brother's last illness, his insurance policy was allowed to lapse. Since his death the small pension that he received has ceased. The family have little left them, save the heritage of a Godly life. He was always poor yet ever making many rich. Blessed type of our ministry everywhere. Farewell faithful, generous friend, true, honest, pure, prompt and genial man. These are the blocks that we rear in the arch of character. Christ its foundation—faith the keystone. Lover of our church farewell till we meet in the church of the first born whose names are written in heaven.

WILLIAM H. HOADLEY.

Was born near Rockford, Ill., May 15th, 1840. When the war of the Rebellion began he was a student at Baldwin University, Ohio. He responded to the first call for troops, and served a year in an Ohio regiment. Discharged for physicial disability, he returned to Illinois and recuperated a short time when he re-enlisted in the 74th Illinois. He was elected 1st Lieutenant and afterwards promoted to Captain and then Lieutenant Colonel. He was a brave, cool-headed soldier.

In 1870 he enlisted in the great army of itinerant Methodist preachers, being admitted to the Rock River Conference. He served the following charges: Franklinville, Frankfort, Lisbon, Kankakee, Platterville and Peotme.

In 1882 he came to Huron and assumed the pastorate of the church. His health failing, in the following spring he resigned his charge and retired for six months to his farm. His chief subsequent work was as D. G. W. C. T. of the Good Templars, and temperance evangelist. He was one of the chief organizers of the Dakota Temperance Alliance. The work crystalized in 1885 in the adoption of State Constitution containing a prohibitory plank.

Bro. Hoadley was transferred to the Dakota Conference in 1885 and appointed to Altoona. His health again failing he retired with his family to Huron where, amid hosts of friends he died in great peace Nov. 5th, 1886. Bro. Hoadley was a true christian hero, and being dead yet speaketh.

REV. WM. B. AFFLECK.

We were all startled by the announcement during a Conference session that Wm. B. Affleck was dead. He passed suddenly away Oct. 17th, at Leeds, England. Bishop Fowler called on Rev. C. B. Clark to lead the Conference in prayer. It was an hour of deep emotion and renewed consecrations—the widow and the fatherless were touchingly remembered.

Bro. Affleck made us all his friends for he was the friend of us all. His bright smile, cheerful words and sunny temper lifted the shadows and scattered the gloom wherever he went. As financial agent of our Dakota University he went to England and died. He often said that he wished to die in his native land, and who dare deny that God led him across the Atlantic to die in his boyhood home. Had he died in America he would now be sleeping beside Lincoln in Springfield cemetery. He had accepted proffered burial place at the hands of the Lincoln's. During the summer of 1880, the First M. E. church, of Springfield, was supplied by Bro. Affleck. President Lincoln's family admired the rugged Englishman. He spoke at the unveiling of the Lincoln monument. He came to Dakota some years ago and planted a colony at Mt. Vernon. He preached at Chamberlain and Kimball, and all remember him kindly.

"A brand plucked from the burning," was he in very truth, scarcely civilized an almost savage coal miner until his conversion, profane, drunken, careless and pugilistic. His leg was broken five times in drunken fights making him a life-long cripple. He gathered the dusty diamonds deep in the mine from his ninth to his eighteenth year. He then took the pledge but could not sign it. When asked to make his mark he said in droll and native humor: "*I've made marks enough.*" He soon joined the Primitive Methodist church. His longing for wisdom was intense. Taught in the Sunday school of the Raikes educational stamp and guided in paths of knowledge by his wife he laid a good foundation for future work. Gough refers to him in his book. He was called to speak to 800 miners after Gough had failed to interest them, and they soon hallooed, as Gough says, till Affleck shouted, "*Stop 'ollerin.*" He was truly a temperance missionary through England, Canada, and the States. He worked with the Band of Hope and Good Templars. His most successful preaching was in the West Riding of Yorkshire. The platform became him better than the pulpit. He made a good editor, and published in New York a temperance paper—the Palladium. Ever fond of song and frolic he could be no other than the pious wit he was, and was well named, "*The Mark Twain of England.*" Between the uncouth speech reported by Gough and his eloquent tributes to Grant and Lincoln is a most wonderful growth. He had extraordinary ability, adaptation, quick perception and a power to make even forbidding circumstances to serve his purpose. Under God the vicious, young, cool miner became the teacher of the masses. He was saved and God's arm is still able to save other Afflecks' if faith shall be found sufficient for real miracles of grace.

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REPORTS.

REPORT "A."—FREEDMAN'S AID.

WHEREAS, The Freedman's Aid Society has for its object the education, elevation and Christianizing of the millions of poor of the south, white and black; and,

WHEREAS, The long continued oppression of the blacks and ostracism of the poor whites have resulted in the present sad condition of ignorance, vice, and degredation, from which they are not of themselves able to recover, and for which we as a nation are in a measure to blame; and believing with some of our wise fathers that there is no greater work in America than their uplifting; and that the yearly contributions have not kept pace with the growing demand of the cause and believing that in the increased usefulness of the present manner of working we may safely look for the salvation of these millions, and believing it to be one of the many missions for which our beloved church has been raised up, and regarding their claim as among the first in point of merit; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to a renewal of our efforts with increased earnestness to educate our people to a just conception of our relation to these needy and deserving multitudes, the justness of their claims, and to secure as great contributions to their help as possible.

L. G. FURNIER, W. H. MATSON, G. R. OAKE, J. TREWARTHA, Com.

REPORT "B."—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church is accomplishing a wonderful work by sending the Gospel for the healing of soul and body to the benighted heathen nations; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we recommend all our pastors to organize auxiliaries so far as practicable, either by their own efforts or by calling to their aid the conference secretary of this branch, Sister I. M. Hartsough, Sioux Falls, Dakota.

2. Where no auxiliary exists we will endeavor to organize a band, and where no band exists, to take an annual collection.

3. That we advise a thorough canvass among the members of our churches for the Gospel in all Lands, and Heathen Woman's Friend.

4. That we will gladly welcome and assist any representative of the W. F. M. S. that may visit our charges.

5. That the work of Miss Minnie F. Abrams, on behalf of this board was a benediction to the charges of the conference that she visited; and we pray the blessing of God to attend her in her work in Bombay, India.

T. DONOUGHUE, O. E. MURRAY, D. RIFENBARK, Com.

Report of Conference Secretary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Auxiliaries and bands	21
Increase	5
Members	343
Increase	88
Honorary Members	2
Life members	5
Increase	2
Amount paid	$520 70
Increase	250 91

The banner towns in moneys paid are Faulkton in Aberdeen district; Mitchell in Mitchell district; Pierre in Huron district; Sioux Falls banner town of all in Sioux Falls district. Tulare has the largest Auxiliary. Pierre and Yankton each support a Bible woman in Bombay.

We are thankful that we are permitted to present so good a report. We have not come up to the million line. How could we when we have been helping our brothers? But steadily onward we have moved, and forward still is our motto.

There should be an Auxiliary Band in every church, and every Christian woman should be a member.

Dr. Spencer's address at our Conference Anniversary thrilled our hearts, and inspired us to increased labor and greater faith.

MRS. I. M. HARTSOUGH, Conf. Sec.

REPORT "C."—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance desire to report:

WHEREAS, It is commanded in God's word that His day be kept holy; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that the health, happiness and prosperity, temporal and spiritual, of any community are preserved and advanced by obeying this law; and,

WHEREAS, We witness great Sabbath desecration through this country in working, hunting, buying, selling, banqueting, and railroad traveling; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of impressing our people with the sacred obligation of the proper observance of the Lord's day, during these, the pliant days of our Territory's childhood.

Resolved, That we will preach against all manner of Sabbath desecration, the publication of Sunday newspapers, reading of secular literature, and by example as well as precept will discountenance and oppose Sunday travel, especially such as necessarily deprives the laborer of his day of rest.

That we will call the attention of our congregations to the laws of the Territory, prohibiting servile labor, public sports, trades, manufactures, mechanical employments, shooting, sporting, horse racing, gaming or other public sports, and public traffic on the Sabbath.

That wewill use our influence as a Conference against all Sabbath banquets.

That we request the appointing power to so arrange the districts and circuits that the appointments may be filled without railway travel on the Sabbath.

J. P. JENKINS, E. CRAVEN, G. D. CLEWORTH, Com.

REPORT "D."—CHURCH LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, The members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the families reached by the Methodist ministry, will read either pure or impure papers and books, and as corrupt literature can be supplanted only by the introduction of that which is good and pure; therefore,

Resolved, That we will push the canvass among our people for larger lists of subscriptions to the "Northwestern Christian Advocate," that its pure, bright pages may silently preach holiness and temperance among our people.

Resolved, That we should see that all our Sabbath Schools are provided with our own church literature. W. D. DEEBLE, Sec'y, J. G. HALL, Chairman.

REPORT "E."—EDUCATION.

Annual report of the Trustees of Dakota University to the Dakota Annual Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—At the adjournment of the Conference at its last session it was ordered that vigorous measures be adopted by the college management looking to the liquidation of the indebtedness resting upon the property. The serious and protracted illness of Rev. I. N. Pardee, upon whom the labor of this adjustment largely devolved, prevented the accomplishment of so desirable an end.

At a special meeting of the board of directors, in January last, Rev. O. S. Bassford was appointed to adjust the notes and other assets, and settle as far as possible with the creditors.

Mr. Bassford began his work in February, but was called to Bismarck in the interests of his own town and did not return to Mitchell. Owing to this fact but little has been done during this year toward reducing the indebtedness. As to its assets and liabilities the property remains practically unchanged from last year.

At its annual meeting in January last, the board concluded that the swift solution of our financial difficulties was to build up the school.

The board being divided into five classes, the first class consisting of Revs. I. N. Pardee, Wilmot Whitfield, M. M. Zooke, O. S. Bassford and A. W. Hager, retired by expiration of time.

Hon. A. J. Edgerton, of Mitchell, was elected chairman of the board of directors, and Rev. A. W. Adkinson, chairman of the board of members. The Executive committee were instructed to act at once, negotiate for a full corps of teachers and to adopt such measures as would secure a successful school.

A special meeting of the joint board convened the 3d of August. At this meeting Rev. Wm. Brush, D. D., was re-elected President, Rev. P. A. Reno, A. M., of New York, was elected to the chair of Mental and Moral Science, and made Vice-President of the school. Fred C. Eastman, A. M., was re-elected to the chair of Languages, and T. A. Duncan, A. M., to the chair of Mathematics and Natural Science. J. A. Wakefield, A. B., was elected Principal of the commercial department. The other departments of the school, Music, Art, and Elecution, were each supplied with competent teachers.

Upon application to the Territorial board of Education, Dakota University was designated as a branch of the State normal department. By this measure our school secures an appropriation of one dollar per month for each student enrolled in the normal department. The law requires that the class shall consist of not less than ten, and not more than twenty-five students. We have already enrolled more than the maximum number thus securing a state appropiation of $750 annually, for the benefit of the school.

Since the meeting of August 3d the local management has endeavored faithfully to execute the orders of the board. The building has been greatly improved making it one of the most attractive school buildings in the Territory. Upward of fifty students are now enrolled in all the departments. The faculty are competent, experienced and devoted to their work. The students are enthusiastic and contented. The president of the faculty, Dr. Brush, since the August meeting, has collected some $2,000 in cash and subscriptions, thus enabling the board to make extensive and valuable improvements without incurring further indebtedness. The treasurer's report appended hereto shows the assets to be more than sufficient to cover the indebtedness if properly managed.

The school is a pronounced success, and if properly patronized by the Conference must rapidly increase in attendance and usefulness. Several plans have been suggested for adjusting the indebtedness and securing title to the property? Some plan will be speedily adopted. The following persons were nominated by the board at this annual meeting to fill vacancies created in the board of members by the retirement of the first class, viz.: Rev. I. N. Pardee, T. A. Duncan, A. M., T. A. Blanchard, Esq., Rev. A. R. Boggs, Hon. D. W. Diggs.

Brethren of Dakota Conference, at our last session by a unanimous vote we adopted this school as our own. If it prospers and successfully competes with the state schools and with the schools of our sister denominations the honor shall be ours, and we, together with the children of our methods, shall share its benefits. If it dwindles and dies then disgrace will rest upon us. The school should have two hundred students by the opening of next year, and plenty of funds to meet current expenses. In view of this pressing need your committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the pressing need of our Conference University, we designate the last Sabbath before Thanksgiving as University day, that upon that day we will preach upon the subject of higher education in all our charges, presenting the claims of Dakota University, and lift a collection for the benefit of the school and immediatly remit the same to the treasurer of the board of directors. We recommend that the following persons be chosen as visitors to Dakota University:

A. R. Boggs, J. G. Palmer, C. E. Hager, A. Jamieson, J. C. Shelland, A. F. Thompson, and Wm. E. Selleck, also, that Rev. W. H. Jordan and Rev. C. E. Hager be chosen as visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute.

Resolved, That we have learned with pleasure of the great prosperity during the past year of Garrett Biblical Institute, and we heartily commend the same to the young men seeking a theological education.

Resolved, That, as preachers of Dakota Conference, we will do our best to keep, at least one student from each one of our charges, in Dakota University all the time.

(2) That we pledge ourselves to do our best to raise at least ten dollars as our educational collection for each charge, this collection to be taken on University day. And further,

WHEREAS, We deem it virtually important to the interests of higher education under the auspices of the M. E. Church, in Dakota, that there be one, and only one University for Dakota, and that all other schools founded by our church within the Territory be not higher than a calling grade and auxiliary to our central board of trustees; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to the Conference the appointment of a board of commissioners consisting of seven persons, four of whom shall be members of the Dakota Conference, and the remainder laymen of our church in Dakota. It shall be the business of this commission to have general supervision of the educational interests of the church in the Territory, to seek the establishment of schools wherever practicable, and wherever they can be made to increase the efficiency of the Central School? The members of this commission shall be nominated by the Presiding Bishop and his cabinet.

A. R. BOGGS, Chairman. C. B. CLARK, Secretary.

REPORT "F."—CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, The Board of Church Extension has rendered our Conference so much timely aid in the building of our churches, and has thus enabled us to accomplish a work we could not otherwise have done; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our unqualified appreciation of efforts of this society, and recognize in it an agency in the advancement of the interests of our Zion second only to the great missionary society of our church. And we do hereby pledge ourselves anew to faithful efforts to keep the work of this society before our people and to increase the amounts raised by the different charges.

H. M. SPRINGER, Sec'y., T. SIMMOMS, Chm'n.

REPORT "G."—STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We rejoice in the manifest presence of Christ with his people, as evidenced by the constantly augmenting desire among christians in all branches of the church for holiness of heart, and for higher attainments in the divine life. In the

numerous and extensive revivals of religion throughout the church. In the recent victories of the cross in pagan lands. In the increased interest manifested in the work of missions, and in the cause of christian education, resulting in increased contributions to missions, and in munificent gifts of money and productive real estate to our denominational schools.

We rejoice furthermore in the rapid spread of the sentiment of prohibition with reference to the rum traffic. That in the battle now raging against this sum of all villainies, the church of the Lord Jesus leads the van. The prayer of the church, "Thy Kingdom Come," is being seconded by vigorous personal effort in society and at the ballot box, and thus the world is being helped to do God's will.

We should rejoice especially in the successes attending the labors of our church in Dakota. In 1864 we had one circuit, forty members, but not a dollar invested in church property. In 1887 we have 127 circuits and stations, 7,981 members, and $290,900 in church property. Surely hitherto God hath helped us, and we may yet realize the full signification of our chosen motto: Dakota for Christ. Amid our prosperity however, we should not forget that we are still the church militant. Satan desires to have us that he may "sift us as wheat."

As ministers we must resist the tendency to a false liberalism which demands from the pulpit, entertainment, rather than a sin rebuking and soul saving gospel, which demands a church administration that makes wide allowance for so called human frailties.

As members, while we should be diligent in business, we need to guard against the prevalent spirit of the world, that craves earthly possessions regardless of the methods of obtaining them, which in its chase after more pleasure, forgets the higher nature and the claims of God. Let us by our diligence in business, and by the fluency of our spirit impress upon the world that the chief duty of man is to glorify God, and his highest privilege to enjoy him.

Resolved, That in all our charges we will observe the second Sabbath in September in each year as Old Folks' day, regulating our services with special reference to the spiritual wants of the veterans of our church, and that collections be raised for the benefit of Conference claimants.

H. M. SPRINGER, C. B. CLARK, L. BRADFORD, T. SIMMONS.

REPORT "I."—PROHIBITION.

WHEREAS, Intemperance is a sin against the individual, the home and the state; and,

WHEREAS, Licence, high or low, insures the perpetuation of this great evil; and,

WHEREAS, The ballot represents the crystalized public sentiment; therefore,

Resolved, That we will not vote with any party whose platform does not recognize prohibition, and that we will vote only for the men committed to the principle of prohibition.

Resolved, That we are uncompromisingly opposed to high licence, believing it to be only an alliance of the state and the saloon.

Resolved, That we will favor our present Local Option Law and will work for its success in the coming election.

Resolved, That we will preach against, and urge our people to abstain from the use of tobacco.

WHEREAS, We find that even in childhood there is a tendency to abuse God's great gift of speech by profane and improper talk, and realizing impurity to be one of the terrible evils overshadowing our land; therefore,

Resolved, That we will earnestly urge the young in our several charges, to strive after the special blessing promised to the pure in heart, which also includes purity of speech and life.

Resolved, That we believe the interests of Christ's cause demand that the law of purity shall be equally binding upon men and women, and we will therefore endorse most heartily the work of the White Cross society in our various fields of labor. W. H. JORDAN, C. E. HAGER, A. F. THOMPSON, W. H. SELLECK.

REPORT "J."—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In a new country like ours the doctrines first taught will influence the coming generations. The Sabbath School is an organ for the church, and furnishes the best opportunities for indoctrinating the young. Scholars should be converted as well as indoctrinated; therefore,

Resolved, That we establish Methodist Episcopal Sabbath Schools wherever practicable, use Methodist literature, be more zealous to teach the doctrines of Christ as set forth by the Methodist Episcopal church and make more zealous efforts to have our scholars converted.

J. MULHOLLAND, S. C. LEAVELL, J. E. NORVELL, Com.

REPORT "K."—BIBLE CAUSE.

The fact is commonly known among the disciples of Christ in this Territory, that the word of God is not a common property and on account of the newness of this country, and the inability of colporteurs to carry bibles and testaments over the prairies, people are unable to obtain that precious book even if they should so desire; and recognizing the necessity of gospel reading in order to receive spiritual growth, your committee are pleased to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That we the ministers of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, do all in our power to secure the circulation of a cheap class of testaments, new and old, for the benefit of all persons on our respective circuits and so plant the light of life in every house.

Resolved 2nd. That we will ask the Presiding Elders of this Conference to assist us in this undertaking for God and the rising flood of christianity.

Resolved 3d. That we will endeavor so far as we can to encourage the use of the Holy book in our Sabbath schools.

Resolved 4th. That we request the Bible society to establish a repository in every county wherever it is practical.

THOS. HAMBLY, WM. PAGENHART, G. M. OAKE, F. H. GARVIN.

REPORT "L."—TRACTS.

1st. Your committee view with great solicitude the apparent increase in the circulation of tracts of a promiscuous character, not helpful to the christain faith.

2nd. We regret the apparent inability and lack of interest in properly and efficiently distributing the tracts authorized by our own church; therefore,

Resolved, In the fear of God, realizing our responsibility to God we will from this time forth give to the cause of our tract society redoubled work and prayerful consideration.

T. HAMBLY, J. R. GOUDY, A. F. THOMPSON, H. LAKE, Com.

REPORT "M."—STEWARDS' REPORT.

The only claimants on our Conference funds are the widows of Rev. W. H. Hoadley and Rev. Thos. Hunt, and we would recommend that of the $322.50 on hand, the Conference pay Mrs. Hoadley $100 and Mrs. Hunt $150, and that the balance be safely invested by the Conference treasurer.

L. W. MILLER, J. P. JENKINS, L. B. WILES, Com.

REPORT "N."—UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

Believing that a partial suffrage, that excludes from the right of franchise, the pure, intelligent and largest part of our population is not equitable; therefore,

Resolved, That we will favor the cause of Universal Suffrage, and will educate our people and agitate public sentiment on this grand movement.

W. H. SELLECK, O. E. MURRAY, G. R. OAKE, J. E. NORVELL, H. SPRINGER.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT—ADDENDA.

Annual Report of Treasurer of Dakota University to Dakota Annual Conference:

ASSETS.

Amount of notes for sale of lots on hand and unpaid	$18,461.87
Interest due on same, about	3,692.00
Subscriptions for lots and cash	8,125.00
	$30,278.87
Lots on hand for sale over and above enough to provide for above subscription, over	$22,000.00
One hundred and forty acres of land adjoining plat	9,000.00
University Campus, twenty acres and building	70,000.00
	$131,278.87
In addition the University owns the old Bowdle House and the entire block three, which is worth at least	2,500.00
Total assets	$133,778.87

LIABILITIES.

Bowdle's entire claim, May 1, 1887	$16,497.91
Other claims	6,533.03
Interest on same, about	785.00
Judgments	2,305.99
Interest and costs, about	250.00
Accounts not filed	3,107.36
Interest about	325.00
Total	$29,804.29

Report of committee on Articles of Incorporation of the Dakota Conference Aid Society.

PREAMBLE.

Know all Men by these Presents: That we, A. D. Traveller, H. M. Springer, H. T. Walker, C. B. Clark, A. W. Adkinson, Wm. Fielder, A. R. Boggs, D. W. Diggs, L. Hartsough, C. E. Hager, A. Jamieson, citizens of the United States and Dakota, for ourselves, and others connected with us, do hereby associate ourselves together, and do hereby form and organize a corporation for benevolent purposes, under, and in accordance with the provisions of Title IV, Chapter VI, of the civil code of Dakota and its amendments, to have and enjoy the rights and privileges of said code conferred. And for such purpose we do make, propose, and set forth the following:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be, "The Conference Claimants' Aid Society of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ART. II.

The object of this society shall be: Providing means of support for the superannuated and worn out preachers of the Dakota Conference, and the widows and orphans of deceased members of said Conference, who have complied with the conditions of these Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws enacted under them.

ART. III.

If a like society shall be organized by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, this society may be merged into it, otherwise this society shall continue perpetually.

ART. IV.

The principal place of business of this society shall be Huron, Beadle County, Dakota.

ART. V.

The members of this society shall be the members and probationers in the Dakota Conference who pay annually into the treasury of the society, two per cent. of their receipts on salary as shown in the minutes. And such other persons who shall pay into the treasury the sum of $100.00 per year in such manner as shall be determined in the by-laws.

ART. VI.

This corporation shall have power to receive legacies and bequests.

ART. VII.

The corporate powers, business and property shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by a board of eleven Directors who shall be elected by ballot annually, from among the members.

The first board of Directors shall be the following named persons; who were elected at a meeting held in Huron, Beadle County, Dakota, on the day of , 188 , as further appears by the affidavit of the officer conducting the election hereunto appended. A majority of the members being present.

BY-LAWS.

All by-laws governing the actions of any and all officers of this corporation shall be enacted by the members.

No by-law shall take effect until recorded in the Book of By-laws, and signed by a majority of the Directors.

All by-laws shall remain in force until the minutes of the action repealing a by-law shall be made in the Book of By-laws on the margin of the page on which the by-law is recorded.

A majority of two-thirds of the members of this corporation shall be required to adopt, amend, or repeal by-laws.

ORGANIZATION.

The members shall effect and maintain an organization by electing at the annual meeting, by ballot, a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, neither of whom shall be Directors, their duties being the same as usually belong to such officers.

The annual meeting of the members shall commence on the second Thursday in July of each year, at 2 P. M.

A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of all business except enacting, amending, or repealing by-laws.

At the annual meetings of the members, the following order of business shall be observed:

FIRST—Devotional Exercises.
SECOND—Election of Officers.
THIRD—Reports of Directors.
FOURTH—Reports of Committees.
FIFTH—Election of Directors.
SIXTH—Miscellaneous Business.
SEVENTH—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
EIGHTH—Adjournment.

In all meetings, proxies shall be counted in making the quorum.

DIRECTORS.

Immediately after their election the Directors shall organize by the election of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usually pertaining to such officers.

The Treasurer shall give bonds in the penal sum of four hundred dollars.

Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Directors during the year, the Board shall have power to fill such vacancy from among the membership.

The Directors shall report to the membership at the annual meeting all the transactions of the year, with the then present conditions of the fund.

INCOME.

The income of this society shall be two per cent. of the salaries of the ministerial members to be paid annually, at the session of the Conference.

The annual subscriptions of the lay members which shall be due the first of July of each year.

The sums appropriated from the Book concerns to this Dakota Conference.

The receipts from the chartered fund.

The usual Conference claimant collections.

Bequests, Legacies, and the interest arising from investments.

The Board of Directors shall estimate the amount necessary to meet the claims against the society.

After making the above estimate, the Directors shall assess to each District its share of the amount, using the amount paid by each charge the preceding year for ministerial support, as a basis of assessment.

It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Board of Directors to notify all the Presiding Elders at the seat of Conference the amount assessed to each charge on their respective Districts for this fund.

It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder to notify each preacher on his District of the amount assessed to his charge.

It shall be the duty of each preacher in charge to raise the amount apportioned to his charge.

CREATION OF A FUND.

At least one-sixth of the annual subscriptions of the members and probationers of the Dakota Conference, and all moneys remaining after paying the claims on the society, shall be invested by the Board of Directors.

No investment shall be made without the approval of the majority of the Board.

At no time shall the principal or any moneys that have been invested be used to pay current claims.

In all cases where there is a deficency in the amount necessary to meet the claims, all claimants shall share pro rata in such deficiency.

CLAIMANTS.

The claimants on this fund shall be those superannuated members of the Dakota Conference who have from their admission on trial continued to travel in the regular work of the ministry under the appointment of the Annual or General Conference, and shall have paid into the treasury of this fund his annual dues, and also has taken the required collection each year, also the widows and orphans of deceased preachers who have complied with the above requirements.

When a minister is superannuated from a cause which does not disqualify him for business, the Directors shall have power to commute his claim by paying such sum as may be deemed equitable.

Any minister expelled from the Conference or located, shall forfeit all claim on the society and all money he may have paid into the society.

No minister shall be superannuated and become a claimant on this society except on a recommendation of a committee on conference relation.

The basis of any claim upon this society shall be the line of actual disconnected service in the ministry of our church.

The point of time from which the time of service shall be reckoned, shall be the date of reception on trial in any conference of our church. Provided: That any transfer from any other conference to the Dakota Conference shall pay into the treasury an equal amount with the members of this Dakota Conference, in order to have an equal claim, otherwise the time from which their claims shall be computed shall be the date of transfer.

All ministers hereafter coming from other churches shall be allowed a claim upon the society according to the number of years they have traveled in our work, dating from their admission into the traveling connection and their compliance with the other terms.

When a superannuated member having an unlimited claim has commuted his claim and the claim of his wife, he shall have no further claim, although he may return to the effective work by permission of the Conference.

When a superannuated minister who has a limited claim shall have received the full amount of his claim, and is restored to the active work, any further claims of such minister shall date from the time of his restoration.

The claims of a widow shall be equal to that of her husband—except such widows as were fifteen years younger than their husbands when they were married, and were married after their husbands were fifty-five years old—such claims shall be referred to the Directors.

When a minister dies who traveled twenty or more years, leaving no widow but minor child or children unprovided for, the Directors are authorized to make provision for their support. Provided, that they shall not grant a greater amount than the father's claim, and only for such a period as the Directors shall deem proper and necessary.

No superannuated minister shall have a permanent claim upon the society unless he shall have traveled twenty years.

No minister shall have a claim who has not traveled five years, rendering effective service. All ministers failing, or are discontinued, or are located, in less than five years, shall have their money refunded to them.

SCALE OF CLAIMS.

A superannuated minister who has traveled five years shall have an annual claim of $20, for six years $32, for seven years $39, for eight years $46, for nine years $53, for ten years $60. The above claims shall hold good for four years only.

A superannuated minister who has traveled eleven years, shall receive $68, for twelve years $76, for thirteen years $84, for fourteen years $92, for fifteen years $100, which claim shall hold good for a period of eight years.

A superannuated minister who has traveled sixteen years shall have a claim of

$114, for seventeen years $128, for eighteen years $142, for nineteen years $156, which claim shall hold good for ten years.

A superannuated minister who has traveled twenty years shall have a permanent annual claim of $170, for twenty-one years $182, for twenty-two years $194, for twenty-three years $206, for twenty-four years $218, for twenty-five years $230, for twenty-six years $244, for twenty-seven years $258, for twenty-eight years $272.

All superannuated claimants who have traveled thirty years and upward shall have a permanent claim of ten dollars per year for each year's service.

A. D. TRAVELLER.
H. M. SPRINGER.
T. H. WALKER.

Resolved, That our delegate to the General Conference is hereby instructed to use his best endeavor to secure a general superannuate fund, which shall be under the control of the General Conference, which shall disburse to the superannuates according to term of service.

MINUTES OF THE LAY CONFERENCE.

The Electoral Conference of the lay delegates of the Methodist Episcopal church of the Dakota Conference met at the Presbyterian church in Aberdeen, Dakota, October 21, 1887, at 8:30 A. M., according to announcement. Hon. C. H. Myers, of Redfield, was elected temporary chairman and A. N. Van Camp, of Highmore, temporary secretary. Devotional exercises were then conducted by Hon. M. H. Cooper, of Watertown.

On motion the chair appointed A. W. Page, M. H. Cooper and A. W. Johnson committee on credentials.

The following named persons were then, upon motion of the different districts, elected by the Conference a committee on permanent organization: Geo. F. Lane, of the Huron district; Geo. R. Bateman, of the Mitchell district; D. W. Diggs, of the Aberdeen district, and C. J. Bliss, of the Yankton district.

Upon request D. W. Diggs entertained the body by a brief description of the lay Conference and the duties attached to the same.

The following were constituted a committee on resolutions: Mrs. R. B. Hager, of the Yankton district (chairman); D. R. Wilson, Yankton district; H. E. Kratz, Mitchell district; D. W. Diggs, Aberdeen district, and W. H. H. Phillips, of the Huron district; after which the Conference adjourned to re-convene at the conclusion of Bishop Fowler's address to be delivered at that hour at the Methodist church.

Conference re-assembled at ten minutes before 12 o'clock, and on motion the secretary was instructed to invite Bishop Fowler to address the lay conference at such hour in the afternoon as would best suit his convenience.

The committee on credentials reported the following list of members entitled to a seat:

T. L. Amphlet, Britton.
Geo. R. Bateman.
John L. Brown, Westport.
D. L. Burgen, Tyndall.
C. J. Bliss, Centreville.
S. H. Bronson, Howard.
J. M. Baken, Wolsey.
S. H. Brown, Howard.
C. G. Brown, Ipswich.
Wm. Boyer, Ashton.
A. M. Basye, Hurley.
R. L. Brown, Aberdeen.
H. S. Bloodgood, Lake Byron.
Wm. Carpenter, Andover.
Mrs. C. E. Cawthorne, Henry.
E. P. Clarke, Madison.
A. E. Carhart, Canton.
Thos. Cloyd, Webster.
J. A. Cooley, Dell Rapids.
John W. Collins, Warner.
F. A. Chaney, St. Lawrence.
M. H. Cooper, Watertown.
D. W. Diggs, Milbank.
J. W. Gipson, Bridgewater.
T. S. Hunt, Montrose.
O. Hutchins, Forestburg.
Mrs. R. B. Hager, Yankton.
Mrs. I. M. Hartsough, Sioux Falls.
Mrs. D. Rifenbark, Elk Point.
J. W. Johnson, Twin Brooks.
A. W. Johnson.
R. E. Kenyon, Frederick.
R. F. Kerr, Brookings.
H. E. Kratz, Mitchell.
Geo. F. Lane, Cavour.
C. H. Myers, Redfield.
C. R. Madison, Volga.
W. G. Nixon, Pierre.
J. A. Parrish, Armour.
J. A. Pickler, Faulkton.
W. H. H. Phillips, DeSmet.
A. W. Page, Broadland.
Amos Potter, Canby.
W. O. Redfield, Gayville.
H. H. Sheets, Iroquois.
P. G. Sheldon, Harrold.
F. O. Sale, Huron.
A. N. Van Camp, Highmore.
W. B. Waite, Lennox.
D. R. Wilson, Beresford.

The committee on permanent organization made their report as follows: For chairman of the Conference, A. W. Page, of Broadland; for secretary, H. E. Kratz, of Mitchell. The above officers were unanimously elected by acclamation.

On motion Conference adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

Conference assembled at three P. M., with A. W. Page in the chair.

The committee on resolutions reported the following which were unanimously adopted:

We, the Lay Delegates of Dakota Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal church assembled at Aberdeen, October 21st, 1887, do

Resolve (1) That we rejoice in the prosperity of Methodism in Dakota, and desire to renew our vows to God to be more faithful in every duty to the church of our choice, to the end that we may secure the accomplishment of the motto of the sainted Simpson, "Dakota for Christ."

(2) That we are opposed to the extension of the time limit of the pastorate, believing that the present itinerant system has been more effective in spreading the gospel than any other could have done.

(3) That we earnestly favor the maintenance of the Christian Sabbath. That we protest against the railroads or other corporations infringing on the sanctity of the day. That we ask more stringent territorial laws on this question and that we appeal to our national government to prohibit the transportation of mails, U. S. troops and supplies on the first day of the week.

(4) That we favor equal suffrage for women with men in church and state.

(5) That we as lay members of the Methodist Episcopal church and holding in our hand the elective franchise, recognize the fact that we as christian voters have been derelict in our duty in the initial measures in the choice of candidates for offices, national, state or municipal, and we here pledge ourselves to use our influence and efforts in securing the nomination and election of the best men to office.

(6) That we recognize the damage to the young from the effects of pernicious literature and earnestly insist upon practical legislation everywhere for the suppression of the same.

(7) That we heartily commend and heartily pledge our earnest support to the Dakota Sabbath School association, recognizing in it a powerful agency in bringing the young under the influence of the Gospel.

(8) That we desire no change in the General Rules of the church in respect to amusements.

(9) That we favor a law prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and we will do all in our power to create a public sentiment that will demand the passage of such a law by our legislature and the national congress. [Adopted by a rising vote.]

(10) That we regard man addicted to drink or in favor of licensing saloons unfit for any office of trust. [Adopted by a rising vote.]

(11) That we will heartily second the efforts of our pastors and the W. C. T. U. to destroy the rum power and establish temperance throughout Dakota.

(12) That we will use our utmost efforts in the family, the church and the public schools to keep our boys from the curse of tobacco and intoxicating liquors.

WHEREAS, Believing that a pastor cannot conscientiously certify to the good standing of a member who refuses or neglects to pay the amount he has pledged for support of the gospel when able to do so;

Resolved, (13) That we hereby instruct our Lay delegate to the general Conference to use every effort to secure such a change in our discipline as will permit a pastor to withhold the certificate of such a member until such a time as his obligations are met.

The following resolutions were submitted by the Dakota Annual Conference and endorsed by the Lay Electoral Conference:

WHEREAS, Because of the sinfulness of the human race it has pleased God to provide a means of salvation through his son Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, He has called men from the common avenues of life to his service to preach the Gospel among men, separating them from business pursuits requiring their entire time and strength to carry on his work; and

WHEREAS, God has ordained that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, It is manifestly right that those who have given the strength of their manhood to the saving of souls should be cared for by the people whom they have served; and

WHEREAS, In the Methodist Episcopal church there is a manifest inequality in caring for these honored men and the widows of those who have fallen in the work, between the east and the west, because of the difference in wealth and a lack of uniform provision by the church; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Lay Electoral Conference of Dakota Annual Conference,

(1st) We recognize God's grace and mercy toward us in sending his servants to preach to us the unsearchable riches of Christ.

(2d) That we appreciate the labors of his servants and recognize our responsibility toward them in sustaining them by our prayers, our sympathy and our money while they labor among us, and especially when the vigors of life are spent in our welfare, we will cherish them.

(3d) That we feel that the pioneer preacher who serves the frontier charges is entitled to equal support in old age as those preachers in the wealthy east who have entered upon his labors.

(4th) That as the young and growing west is not in a condition to adequately care for those honored men who have taken their lives in their hands, it is the duty of the church to create a special fund under the control of the General Conference that shall be adequate to support all the superannuates and widows and orphans of our frontier ministry.

(5th) That our delegate to the General Conference is hereby instructed to use his utmost endeavors to bring about the organization of such a fund.

(6th) In the event of the General Conference not taking such action we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to create such a fund in the Dakota Annual Conference.

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The following persons were then put in nomination for Lay Delegates to the General Conference, to be held in May, 1888:

D. W. Diggs, W. F. T. Bushnell, R. L. Brown, Mrs. I. M. Hartsough, W. G. Nixon, W. H. H. Phillips, W. B. Waite and A. W. Page.

The informal ballot resulted as follows: D. W. Diggs, 23; W. F. T. Bushnell, 11; R. L. Brown, 1; Mrs. Hartsough, 8; W. G. Nixon, 1; W. H. H. Phillips, 4; W. B. Waite, 1; and A. W. Page, 1.

The formal ballot gave D. W. Diggs 26, and his election was made unanimous.

Mr. Diggs was called out and in a few, well chosen remarks thanked the Conference for the honor bestowed upon him.

Mrs. Hartsough was unanimously elected alternate.

Dr. Edwards, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, then addresssd the Conference and his sayings were heartily appreciated by every member present, after which Bishop Fowler delivered a very eloquent and common sense address, touching at some length upon the duties of the Methodist preacher. He also spoke at length of the wonderful growth of the Methodist church during the last century.

Bishop Fowler was elected Second Reserve Lay Delegate to the General Conference.

On motion of J. A. Pickler, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Methodist book concern supplies the best literature at lowest rates; and

WHEREAS, The proceeds are for the benefit of the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend that our people, so far as possible, purchase their books and Bibles of our book concern through the pastor.

D. W. Diggs presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we most heartily endorse Dr. Edwards and our church paper —The Northwestern Christian Advocate, and will gladly aid in extending the circulation among all our people.

After the benediction, by Dr. Brush, the Conference adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

The Lay Conference re-assembled at 7:30 P. M., and passed the following resolution of thanks:

Resolved, That we tender to the citizens of Aberdeen, who have so generously and hospitably entertained us, our hearty thanks. We also tender our thanks to the trustees of the Presbyterian church for so kindly opening their church for our use.

Adjourned.

A. W. PAGE, President.

H. E. KRATZ, Secretary.

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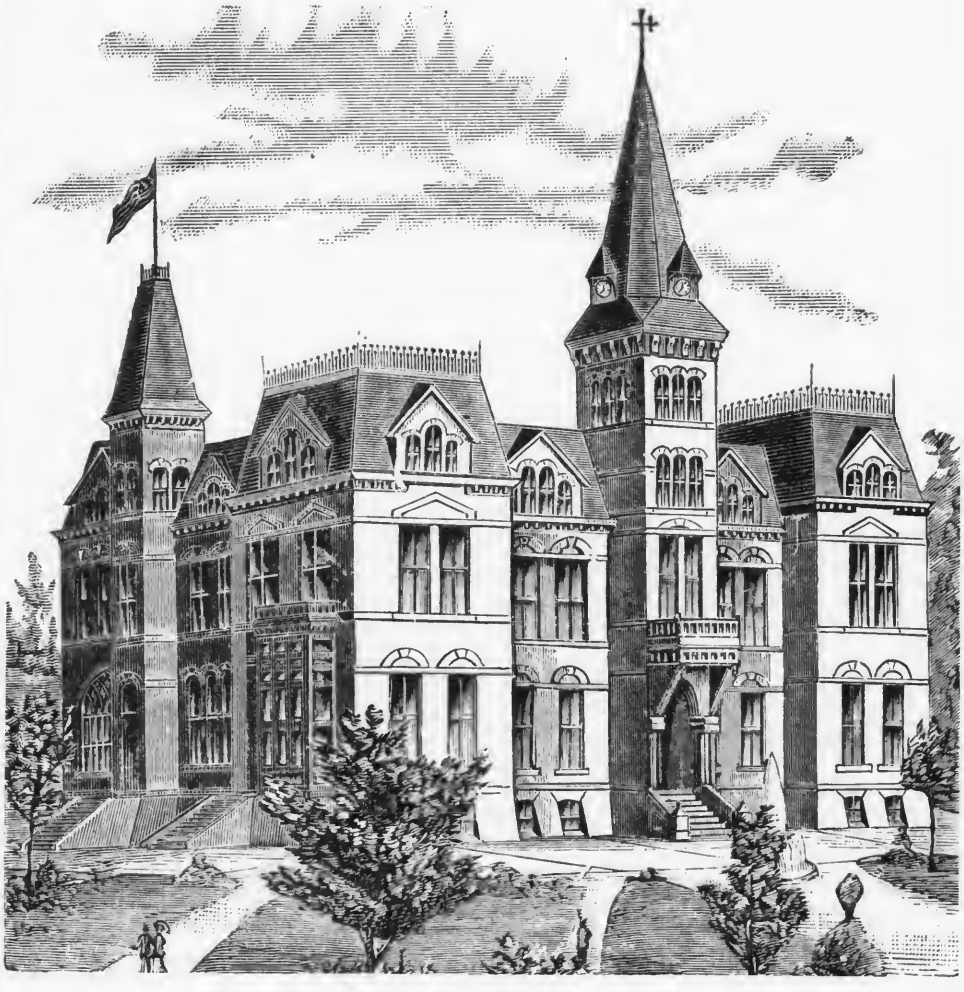
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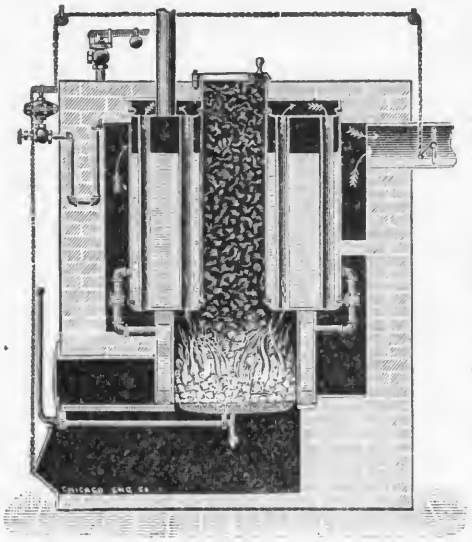
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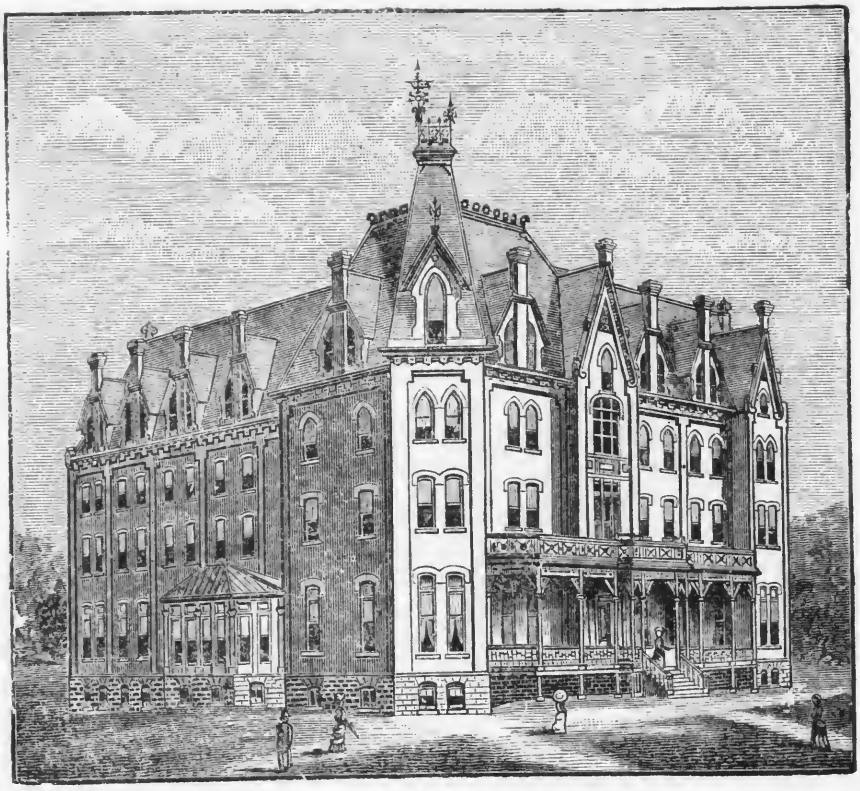
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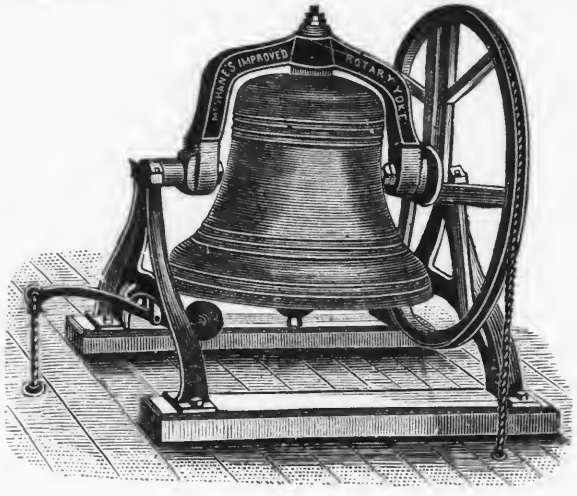
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